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To the Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs No. 832

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Date 13th June, 1968.

My Reference CR 45/3371/67 Your Reference

Emergency Statistics

On the 5th June there 724 persons still serving prison sentences for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition, 52 persons were being held in detention, 4 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance, and 48 by detention orders made under the Emergency Regulation.

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HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

Telno BIS 5 12 June 1968

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Situation here quiet.

During day left-wing groups called at various Government offices seeking clarification Governments policy on reinstatement dismissed workers.

This morning police evicted eleven men who were inside offices Hong Kong and China Gas Company in Gloucester Building. Earlier two other men left offices peacefully. During eviction member of police party received minor injuries when kicked and punched. One man arrested charged.

Last night three men arrested during incident in Mongkok Kowloon. They were among crowd of four hundred assembled in playground, dancing, singing and chanting. Playground cleared with use of loud hailers but later they formed hostile groups in vicinity refusing to leave. Police dispersed them with eleven tear gas shells, one baton shell and tin chemical mace.

At about same time group fifty mostly children gathered outside Hunghom Ferry Pier Kowloon shouting and singing which attracted about two hundred onlookers. Police dispersed them without incident. Man brought back to police station for enquiries but later released.

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PRIORITY HONG KONG

TELEGRAM NUMBER 751

TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

12 JUNE 1968

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ADDRESSED CO TELEGRAM NO. 751 OF 12 JUNE REPEATED PEKING.

IT BECAME NECESSARY LAST NIGHT TO TAKE ACTION TO DISPERSE UNRULY AND NOISY CROWDS CHANTING COMMUNIST SLOGANS IN THE SHAMSHUIPO AREA. IN THE PROCESS 11 GAS SHELLS, ONE BATON SHELL AND ONE CHEMICAL MACE WERE DISCHARGED SEMICOLON ONE MAN WAS INJURED.

2. COMMUNISTS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN HOLDING NOISY ASSEMBLIES IN A PUBLIC PLAYGROUND IN THE SHAMSHUIPO AREA DURING THE EVENINGS, AND THESE HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF COMPLAINTS FROM PERSONS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD. THEY ALSO APPEARED TO BE INCREASING IN FREQUENCY AND SCALE AND THERE WAS A GROWING RISK THAT IN THIS VERY CROWDED AND ROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS BREACH OF THE PEACE MIGHT RESULT. POLICE RECENTLY ISSUED A WARNING TO A UNION BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SUCH GATHERINGS, AND ATTENTION WAS INVITED TO THEIR ILLEGAL NATURE AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE.

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3. A CROWD OF ABOUT 400 WHICH WAS JUDGED TO BE AN ILLEGAL ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS A NUISANCE WAS TOLD TO DISPERSE. A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THOSE INVOLVED DID DISPERSE BUT HARD CORE COMMUNISTS REMAINED. CHANTING AND SHOUTING CONTINUED AND ACTION WAS TAKEN TO DISPERSE CROWDS IN THE NEIGHBOURING STREETS WHICH REFORMED 3 TIMES BEFORE FINALLY DISPERSING. ONLY FOUR RIOT PLATOONS WERE INVOLVED AND IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT THERE WAS NO SPREAD OF THE DISTURBANCE IN A VERY HEAVILY POPULATED AREA WHERE THE COMMUNISTS MIGHT HAVE HOPED FOR A DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT OF THE GENERAL POPULATION.

FOREIGN OFFICE PLEASE PASS PRIORITY PEKING AS MY TELEGRAM NO. 284.

SIR D. TRENCH

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To the Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs No. 814

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Date 6th June 1968

My Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

Emergency Statistics

On the 5th June there were 734 persons still serving prison sentences for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition, 52 persons were being held in detention, 4 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance, and 48 by detention orders made under the Emergency Regulations.

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TLL/SEACOS 94
For CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ.
Sitrep for 3 Jun, 68

1. Hong Kong

a. Two false and one hoax bomb reported
b. 24 female farmers protested at Lo Wu Police Post on 29 May about being gassed in their fields when tear gas drifted from nearby police practice range. Later 200 demonstrators tore down Union Jack and smashed port of Queen. Stones were thrown and several attacks made on perimeter fence. Unsuccessful attempt made to manhandle Senior Police Officer into CT. Situation calmed by 31 May.
c. Crowd of 2,500 gathered at main bus terminal Kowloon 30 May with apparent intention of disrupting rush hour traffic. No incidents occurred.

2. Mauritius.

a. Generally quiet week. Isolated assaults by Muslims on Creoles and Hindus.
b. New police post being established at Cassis/Vallije before allowing Muslim refugees to return to the area.

3. Deployments. Navy. EAGLE left station 29 May en route UK. DIANA joined station 31 May, GRENVILLE 1 June. RNZNS OTAGO joined 1 June to form part of strategic reserve.

4. Exercises.

a. MINDEN ROSE I 31 May to 28 June. Company 4 Royal Regiment Fusiliers from Hong Kong training at Jungle Warfare School.
b. Heart beat 4 to 6 June. Joint Force HQ CPX involving elements of HQ 99 Bde and 224 (M) Gp. Being held at RAF Seletar as part of work up for exercise LATH.

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Date 29th May 1968

My Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

Emergency Statistics

On the 29th May there were 734 persons still serving prison sentences for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition, 52 persons were being held in detention, 6 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance, and 46 by detention orders made under the Emergency Regulations.

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To the Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs No. 766

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Date 23rd May 1968

My Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

Emergency Statistics

On the 22nd May there were 743 persons still serving prison sentences for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition, 52 persons were being held in detention, 14 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance, and 38 by detention orders made under the Emergency Regulations.

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Date 16th May 1968.

My Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

Emergency Statistics

On the 10th May there were 762 persons serving sentences for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition there were 52 persons held in detention, 17 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance and 35 by detention orders made under the Emergency Regulations.

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PRIORITY

TLL/SEACOS 90

For CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ

Sitrep 20 May, 68.

1. Mauritius. Generally quiet. Few cases of arson in cane fields. Occasional Creole/Muslim assaults.

2. Hong Kong. Delegations of dismissed workers continue to demand re-employment. One group forced barrier at Labour Department but dispersed without police intervention. Small number of hoax and false bombs reported.

3. Deployments. Support Coy 1 Ksli replacing C Coy in Mauritius Roulement complete by 6 Jun.

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To the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs

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Date 9th May 1968.

My Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

Emergency Statistics

On the 8th May there were 762 persons serving sentences for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition there were 53 persons held in detention, 22 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance and 31 by detention orders made under the Emergency Regulations.

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Date 2nd May, 1968.

My Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

Emergency Statistics

On the 1st May there were 788 persons serving prison sentences for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition there were 51 persons held in detention, 21 under Deportation of Aliens Ordinance and 30 by detention orders made under the Emergency Regulations.

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TLL/SEACOS 83

For CDS, Chairman COASUST, CDS NZ.

Sitrep for 6 May 68.

1. Mauritius. Apart from a few arrests under the emergency regulations the island has been quiet. Expected disturbances by relief workers have not materialised.

2. Hong Kong, remained quiet. Five live bombs and one hoax bomb were discovered 1 May.

3. Deployments.

a. Navy. CAVALIER left station 1 May and TROUBRIDGE left 3 May for UK. AURORA joined station 1 May from UK.

b. Army. Port Crown Camp at Loeng Nok Tha closed 30 April. 54 Support Sqn RE withdrawn to Singapore.

c. Air. Two Shackletons of 205 Sqn to Majunga 29 April and third on 3 May.

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Date 25th April 1968

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Emergency Statistics

On the 24th April there were 798 persons serving prison sentences for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition there 51 people held in detention, 21 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance and 30 by detention orders made under the Emergency Regulations.

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TLL/SEACOS 74.

For CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ.

Sitrep for 22 Apr 68.

1. Mauritius.

A. Arrests under emergency regulations for possession of offensive weapons, breach of curfew regulations and assault continue.

B. Various offensive weapons continue to be discovered in almost daily searches.

C. Cuts in relief work payments for unemployed and in family allowances to be announced in House of Assembly this week could be occasion for further disturbances.

2. Rodrigues. Project to send services assistance dropped in light of information now available.

3. Hong Kong.

A. Three hoax bombs reported during week.

B. Patrol 1/10 GR stoned by two Chinese on border between Lo Wu and Man Kam To. Stoning stopped by CCA sentry. In second stoning of two army officers by four children at Sha Tau Kok CCA made no attempt to stop the stoning.

4. Deployments.

Navy. ESKIMO left station 21 April for UK.

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To the Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs No. ~~573~~

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Date 18th April, 1968.

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Weekly Report

On the 17th April there were 818 persons serving prison sentences for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition 51 people were held in detention, 21 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance and 30 by detention orders made under the Emergency Regulations.

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TLL/SEACOS 68

For CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ.

Sitrep for 15 Apr 68.

1. Mauritius

A. Curfew free area was extended slightly on 10 and 11 Apr. Further relaxations being considered today.

B. Docks now working full strength until 2130.

C. Amnesty produced 66 offensive weapons and approx 250 lesser items.

D. Religious ceremonies Good Friday passed without incident.

2. Rodriguez. Awaiting BHC Mauritius recommendations for services assistance following hurricane damage.

3. Hong Kong

A. Redeployments have been made in accordance with directive issued by Hong Kong Govt redefining POLMIL responsibilities in Border Area. Copy will be forwarded to MOD (UK).

4. Malacca Straits. One Russian KRUPNY anchored 40 miles northwest Port Swettenham since 140430Z.

5. Exercises

A. PICOT continues

B. WINGED DAGGER takes place in Johore 17 to 24 Apr. Joint force HQ and Bde maintenance area air move and TAC deployment exercise to practice command and control and logistics in protracted ops ashore.

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C. ALL BLACKS 17 Apr to 8 May east Johore. 28 Bde practice camp. Air support by 130 Flt RCT and RAF helicopters plus MAOT.

6. Deployments

A. Navy. USS JAMESTOWN Technical Research Ship visits Naval Base 20 to 26 Apr.

B. Army. Advance party 6 Lt Regt RA left Terendak for UK 11 Apr.

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Weekly Report

On the 10th April there were 824 persons serving prison sentences for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition 50 people were held in detention, 21 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance and 29 by detention orders made under the Emergency Regulations.

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To the Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs No. 562

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My Reference 6th April, 1968. Your Reference

Emergency Statistics

I enclose two copies of a report giving emergency statistics as at 1st April, 1968.

2. On the 4th April there were 834 persons serving prison sentences for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition 50 people were held in detention, 23 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance, and 27 by detention orders made under the Emergency Regulations.

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HONG KONG POLICE

Disturbances in Hong Kong, 1967

1400 on 11.5.67 to 0500 on 1.4.68

(A) CASUALTIES

	Police	Military	Other Security Forces	"Opposition"	Others/Doubtful
Killed	10	1	1 (Fire Services)	25	14
Injured	215	30	6 (4 Fire; 2 HCF)	333	255

Burials by Govt. of uncl'd bodies: 23 Other burials: 16 Bodies still uncl'd: Nil

(B) PRISONERS

Total Arrests	Convicted	Released (Not charged)	Acquitted	Remanded (Awaiting Trial)	Pending	Died
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Conviction Analysis :

Riot	Unlawful Assembly	Breach of Curfew	Poss. of Bombs Real	Poss. of Bombs Hoax	Explosive Offences	Other Offences
334	465	232	49	50	40	357

Emergency Reg. Convictions :

Inf. Posters	Inf. Speeches	Int. Assembly
232	82	222

Subject of Detention Order	Deportation Orders made	Deportation Orders executed
27	27	5

(C) PROPERTY DAMAGE

Buildings

Government :

Post Offices	8
R/E Offices	5
Police	8
Rural C'ttee Offices	3
Others	25
Banks	25
Cinemas/Theatres	6
Other Buildings	42

Miscellaneous Property

Parking meters	2628
Cameras	4
Other property	18
Police launches	1

Vehicles Damaged *

Govt. (incl. Police)	23
Buses	38
Trams	7
Taxis	24
Public Cars	6
Other vehicles (incl. M/cycles)	66

* Including those seriously damaged by fire :-

Public Transport	6
Taxis	12
Private cars	20
Others	11

(a large number of traffic signs have also been damaged).

(D) AMMO. EXPENDED (Police only)

Baton Shells	794
Gas Cartridges	1283
Gas Shells	1127
Gas Grenades	35
Greener	115
.38	262
Carbine	309
Sterling	75

No. of occasions gas used	89
No. of occasions ball ammo. used	87
No. of casualties as a result of Police use of firearms :-	
Killed	17
Injured	44

(E) (a) BOMBS

Explosions	253
Reports of unexploded bombs	9052
True bombs	1520
Hoax bombs	4904
False alarms	2628

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Bombs found as a result of police action 187

Sticks of H.E. found/seized: Gel.: 171 Dyn.: 630

(E) (b) BOMB CASUALTIES

	Killed	Injured
Total casualties caused by bombs	15	340
These figures include :		
Suspected bomb-terroriests killed/injured by their own act	4	12

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These Service Personnel casualties :

	Police	Military	Other Sec. Forces
Killed	2	1	1
Injured	74	22	6

The bomb casualty totals do not include :

	Killed	Injured
Suspected bomb-terrorists shot in the act	2	5

(F) POLICE RAIDS

Opposed : 9 Unopposed : 1287

(G) CURFEWS

H.K.I. : 3 Kowloon : 5 N.T. : 1

(H) ATTACKS

On transport and other workers : 64

(I) AUXILIARIES

No. of calendar days on which mobilised : 28

1. Trivial injuries to persons and minor damage to property, e.g. scratches and dents, are not included.

(Brian Webster)
for Commissioner of Police

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PRIORITY

TLL/SEACOS 64

For CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ.

Sitrep for 8 Apr 68.

1. Mauritius

A. Cordon and search operations continue to uncover assorted weapons including pistols, gelignite and grenades. These operations previously confined to Muslim areas now extended to Creole areas.

B. Weapons amnesty planned for 11 and 12 Apr.

C. Oil companies recommenced night bunkering under guard 6 Apr. Docks commence night work from 9 Apr.

2. Hong Kong

A. On 1 Apr Chinese from CT joined with others on British side of border and carved pro Mao signs on hillsides near Man Kam To. Carvings then filled with gravel and whitewashed. Own troops obliterated carvings at night without incident.

B. On 2 Apr RFA GOLD RANGER approaching Hong Kong from east was challenged by two CCN patrol boats. On identifying herself as British was instructed to leave Chinese waters and was escorted to SW without further incident.

C. On 3 Apr 2 off duty policemen were attacked by group of 12 men with iron bars in Wanchai district. Policemen suffered head wounds but condition later reported satisfactory. Four arrests were made by police.

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3. Exercises

A. PICOT is in progress

B. DOSRO KADAM postponed until Jun. SEACOS 62 para 3C refers.

4. Deployments

Navy. HMS BULWARK left station 4 Apr.
CVA USS TICONDEROGA and 3DD visit Singapore Naval Base 10-15 Apr.

5. BHC Honiara pass to CINCFE.

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A MAN AND HIS WIFE (WONG AND YIP) SERVING 5 YEAR PRISON SENTENCES FOR POSSESSION OF BOMBS LAST AUGUST WERE GRANTED FREE PARDON RELEASE FROM PRISON ON APRIL 1ST, AND 15,000 HK DOLLARS COMPENSATION, WHICH THEY HAVE ACCEPTED.

2. THIS FOLLOWS A SIMILAR CASE LAST MONTH, WHERE DEFENDANTS WERE AQUITTED WHEN POLICE ENQUIRIES REVEALED THAT INFORMANT HAD 'PLANTED' SIMULATED BOMBS ON THEM. INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT SAME INFORMANT HAD 'PLANTED' BOMBS ON WONG AND YIP. HE HAS NOW BEEN SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

3. WONG IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE (PRO-COMMUNIST) SPINNING, WEAVING AND DYEING WORKERS GENERAL UNION.

4. FACTS IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 ABOVE ARE BEING RELEASED TO PRESS TODAY.

FO PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATE PEKING AS MYTEL 143.

SIR D. TRENCH

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PRIORITY

TLL/SEACOS 62

For CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ.

Sitrep for 1 Apr 68.

1. Mauritius.

a. Curfew continues to be effective and only isolated cases of arson and assault reported. However, there is no sign of any lessening of tension.

b. Searches continue to find offensive weapons of various kinds and also cache of Molotov cocktails and acid bombs in course of preparation.

c. Reinforcement, a Coy KSLI despatched from Singapore by air 2 Mar.

2. Hong Kong.

a. All areas quiet.

b. One hoax and one false bomb.

c. Propaganda groups continue to visit territories singing Communist songs and chanting Mao's thoughts.

d. One Coy 2/6 GR landed on Lantau Island by two coastal minesweepers carried out intensive patrols.

3. Exercises.

a. RAMASOON. Recovery completed 28 Mar.

b. COLD COMFORT 9 (4 Apr) the ninth of a series of CPX designed to practice IS and local ground defence in Singapore.

c. Dosro Kadam (Second Slip) (5 to 11 Apr) 2/10 GR exercise in the Gurun training area (Kedah). 110 LAA BTY, RAA is acting as enemy in a counter revolutionary warfare setting. Helos and mobile air operations team operating in support.

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d. PICOT (7 Apr to 25 May) a single service exercise involving the mobilisation, deployment and operation of 10 FMA in the Marang and Gong Kedah area.

4. Deployments. Air. Six Canberra aircraft 14 Sqn RNZAF depart Tengah for New Zealand 4 Apr.

5. BDLS Wellington. Please pass to CINCFE.

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To the Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs No. 519

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Date 27th March, 1968.

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Weekly Report

On the 27th March there were 818 persons held in prison and 25 on remand for various offences connected with the Communist confrontation. In addition, 50 persons were held in detention, 23 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance and 27 under Emergency Regulations.

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TLL/SEACOS 57

For CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ.

Sitrep for 25 Mar 68.

1. Mauritius.

a. Curfew has been imposed in Port Louis from 1900-0500 each night since 18 Mar. Subsequently only isolated cases of arson and assault have been reported.

b. Commisioner of Police intends night curfew remain in Operation until end of month.

2. Hong Kong.

a. All areas quiet.

b. 2 Chinese arrested at Tsuen Wan in possession 2 true bombs. TLO false bombs.

c. GM picnic parties continue.

d. Gurkha sentry Sha Tau Kok hit by airgun pellets allegedly fired by civilians in CT.

e. 110 illegal immigrants arrested in period 15 to 22 Mar.

3. Exercises.

a. DANGEROUS JOURNEY 25 to 31 Mar. CRW exercise by 2/7 GR in South of W Malaysia.

b. MALAYAN LITEX 08 to 29 Mar. 2 Victor tankers exercising with 74 Lightning Squadron.

c. RAMASOON. Withdrawal of all units and equipment deployed for exercise complete except 3 Belfast loads of heavy equipment.

4. Deployments. 1 PR 7 Canberras Kai Tak 18 to 21 Mar for photo tasks. 2 replacement Shackletons arrived Changi 19 Mar.

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TLL/SEACOS 54 for CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ. Sitrep for 18 Mar 68.

1. MAURITIUS

a. Independence celebrations went smoothly 12 Mar with only few minor incidents. Since Independence situation basically quiet with isolated cases of arson of unoccupied houses but sharp increase overnight 17/18 Mar when 20 houses burnt and one motor cyclist stabbed to death.
b. Roulement. One Coy KSLI returned to Singapore by air 15 Mar.

2. Hong Kong.

a. All areas quiet.
b. One false bomb.
c. Picnic parties now up to 2000 strong holding meetings and singing Mao songs in new territories.
d. 237 illegal immigrants arrested in period 8 to 15 Mar.

3. Exercises.

a. RAMASOON. Play period completed. RECOVERY in progress.
b. JOLLIES JAUNT (3-13 Apr) Cancelled.

4. Deployments.

a. Navy. HM tug REWARD joined station 11 Mar. HMAS VENDETTA and PARAMATTA joined station 17 Mar HMAS YARRA and STUART left same day.
b. Army. 51 FD SQN (AIRFIELDS) re less rear party complete in UK 16 Mar. BN HQ and two coys 2R Anglian returned UK 16/17 Mar from ex WILLOUGHBY.

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To the Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs No. 451

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Weekly Report

On the 6th March there were 844 persons held in preson, and 21 on remand for various offences in connection with the confrontation. In addition 50 persons were held in detention, 25 under Deportation of Aliens Ordinance and 25 under Emergency Regulations.

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Addressed to Peking telegram No. 93 of 9 March.
Repeated for information to Commonwealth Office.

There was an incident yesterday morning involving the police, the driver of a van delivering goods to the Chung Shing Products store in North Point, and some employees of the store.

2. The driver was causing a traffic obstruction. Two policemen asked to see his licence. He produced this willingly but while the police were looking at it an employee of the store ran out and snatched the licence from them. They arrested the man whereupon a group of eight men came out of the store and jostled the policemen. When the police drew their truncheons the group ran back into the store and emerged with iron bars and cargo hooks. They forcibly took the arrested person away from the police and back into the store. Subsequently a police party raided the store and arrested five men who were identified as having taken part, including the original trouble-maker. He has been charged with obstructing the police, the other four men with assaulting the police. They have pleaded not guilty and were remanded in gaol custody.

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Weekly Report

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The enclosures referred to were forwarded with my saving despatch 224 of 13th February, 1968.

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040745Z March

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PRIORITY

TLL/SEACOS 50.

For CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ.

Sitrep for 4 Mar 68.

1. Mauritius.

a. Situation remains unsettled. Burning of some unoccupied houses in Port Louis has continued. Isolated incidents have also occurred in Curepipe, Phoenix, Moua, Riche Terre and Petit Riviere.

b. New element emerged when Muslims stoned 2 Sino Mauritian cars on 28 Feb in belief they were being used to support Creoles. Sino Mauritian community have since decided they must continue to adopt a neutral line.

2. Hong Kong.

a. All areas remain quiet.

b. Number of illegal immigrants continue to increase, 299 arrived by sea last week.

3. SEATO exercise RAMASOON begins with opening ceremony in Bangkok today, followed by first play period which ends Thursday evening.

4. Deployments.

a. Navy. PUMA joint Station today. TARTAR and CARYSFORT to Mauritius for Independence celebrations 8 and 11 Mar respectively.

b. Army. 42 Lt AD Bty RA and 132 Medium Bty RA complete in UK 29 Feb and 1 Mar respectively.

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c. Air. 6 Canberra aircraft 14 Sqn RNZAF arrived Tengah 25 Feb for annual Theatre training until 4 Apr. 68.

5. Intend next Sitrep 12 Mar.

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You should be aware that there was an incident this morning in Kun Tong on the outskirts of Kowloon which arose as a result of an attempt by the police to obtain the particulars of the drivers of some 9-seater vans which were committing a traffic offence. The drivers refused, and one was arrested. Later a hostile crowd composed mainly of other drivers went to the police station to demand his release, apology and compensation. They were repeatedly asked to disperse but refused. The situation developed to the point where riot police were forced to fire 12 tear gas shells and they arrested 8 persons. The situation is now quiet. All nine have appeared in Court and have been remanded in gaol custody.

2. It is noteworthy that the midday pro-Communist Cheng Wu Pao produced a special sheet which described the incident in the most sensational and distorted terms. It used such phrases as gun shots were fired indiscriminately and Kun Tong is smeared with blood. A partial curfew is imposed in Kun Tong, people are prepared to raise their protest again in the afternoon. The pro-Communist New Evening Post and Tin Fong however are less sensational but give a predictably tendentious version of the story.

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Date 29th February, 1968.

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Weekly Report

On 28th February, there were 847 persons held in prison for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition, 50 persons were held in detention, 25 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance, and 25 under Emergency Regulations.

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HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

Telno 252 29 February 1968

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Addressed to Peking telegram No. 79 of 29 February.

Weekly Assessment as at 260600.

No Bombs.

2. Further orderly Union delegations visited the Colonial Secretariat, Social Welfare Department and the Red Cross demanding increased wages, distribution of winter clothing to prisoners and improvements to prison conditions. There was one protest demonstration outside a police station. Large picnic groups from Communist organisations have visited the New Territories; one group man-handled and held for two hours an off duty auxiliary policeman who was picnicing nearby. These groups mainly keep within the law and do not seek trouble; however, their activities may frighten villagers and other visitors from town and result in public pressure on Government to curb their activities.

3. The Chinese Resource Company's (CRC) formal application to be allowed to import the "gift" rice outside the quota has been returned because of its unacceptable terms. C.R.C. officials have continued to insist that the rice comes in outside the quota and have implied that it will be brought in without approval if necessary. More pressure could well be applied in the immediate future in an attempt to force Government to reverse its decision.

4. Members of a Textile Workers Union have been told that strike pay will cease at the end of February. This could have far reaching repercussions if it became general policy in other Unions. It is thought probable, at this stage, that the Communists are testing reactions only.

5. The circulation of the three recently republished pro-Communist newspapers has returned to pre-suppression levels.

6. Repatriation of illegal immigrants was resumed on 22 February. By 25 February, 24 had been returned via Lowu. Repatriation was then temporarily suspended following an incident when a reluctant repatriate was pushed into C.T. by a China travel agent employee and was roughly handled by C.P.G. authorities. Meanwhile 390 illegal immigrants were arrested during the week bringing the month's total to 652 so far.

7. Inspections were

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7. Inspections were carried out on two major Communist controlled schools. The first was without incident but during the second the inspectors decided to withdraw to avoid trouble since the students were celebrating the formation of the Kwangtung Peoples' Revolutionary Committee (K.P.R.C.).

8. The formation of the K.P.R.C. was attended by a small Hong Kong delegation and hailed by the Communist Press here. Celebrations were held by Communist-controlled organisations throught the colony and posters extolling K.P.R.C. were put up in Sha Tau Kok. There is nothing to suggest that its formation will affect China's policy towards Hong Kong. However the enthusiasm and increased confidence which it has engendered locally must be expected to result in minor incidents which could quickly escalate. Dealing with Communist groups in technical breach of the law but not committing serious offences is going to present difficulties, because of the speed with which crowds can gather and become intransigent.

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For CDSWN / Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ.

Sitrep for 26 Feb. 68

1. Mauritius

a. The situation has deteriorated. 3 cases of arson in houses, 1 car overturned and set on fire, and 1 person badly beaten up.

b. In Port Louis 2 Platoons 1 KSLI operating by night and 1 Platoon held in reserve at Police HQ by day.

2. Hong Kong.

a. All areas remain quiet

b. Bomb incidents 1 true, 1 hoax and 1 false.

c. Increase in number of illegal immigrants 234 arrested.

3. Exercises.

a. BEANSHOOT 4 (22 Feb - 6 March) 4 Hunters to Kai Tak for area familiarisation, Air intercept training and Air to ground firing.

b. KHUSHI PAHRAI (1 -14 Mar) 1/2 Gr. Battalion Exercises in Temburong area, Brunei. 15 AD Regiment will carry out Para resupply, Coy 2/2 GR from Singapore being used as enemy force.

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TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
21 FEBRUARY 1968

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ADDRESSED PEKING MYTEL. NO. 72 OF 21ST FEBRUARY.

WEEKLY ASSESSMENT AS AT 190600.

1. ONE GENUINE BOMB, PLANTED APPARENTLY IN DECEMBER, AND ONE HOAX. NO DAMAGE OR INJURIES.

2. ORDERLY UNION DELEGATIONS TO SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND RED CROSS TO COMPLAIN ABOUT PRISON CONDITIONS, LIMITED VISITING HOURS, AND ILL TREATMENT OF VISITORS.

3. WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF ABOUT 1500 NON-INFLAMMATORY POSTERS ISSUED BY THE F.T.U. INVITING NEEDY RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AT COMMUNIST UNIONS FOR GIFTS OF RICE. THE AIM APPEARED TO BE BOTH TO PERSUADE A WIDER SECTION OF THE PUBLIC TO REGISTER WITH THE UNIONS AND TO ATTRACT MORE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT SO AS TO PUT PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT THE IMPORT AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE RICE OUTSIDE NORMAL CHANNELS. NO ONE WAS ARRESTED. THE F.T.U. ALSO INSTRUCTED ALL AFFILIATED UNIONS TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF ARRESTS, ASSAULTS AND OTHER GRIEVANCES OF MEMBERS, THEIR RELATIONS AND FRIENDS DURING CONFRONTATION TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE COMPENSATION CLAIMS AGAINST GOVERNMENT.

4. THE THREE SUPRESSED PRO-COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS REPUBLISHED ON 18TH FEBRUARY, HAVING PAID THEIR FINES AND MADE THEIR STATUTORY DEPOSITS. THE FIRST EDITIONS TOTALLING 100,000 COPIES PRINTED, CONSISTED MAINLY OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES ADVERTISEMENTS AND NON POLITICAL MATERIAL. THERE WAS LITTLE

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PUBLIC INTEREST AND MANY COPIES WERE PROBABLY PURCHASED OUT OF CURIOSITY ONLY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THEIR GENERAL DAILY CIRCULATION WILL QUICKLY FALL TO THE PRESUPPRESSION LEVEL OF 45,000. THE PAYMENT OF THE FINES, WITH ITS IMPLICIT ACCEPTANCE OF THE COURT'S AUTHORITY, IS ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE LOCAL COMMUNIST WISH, IF POSSIBLE, TO AVOID A DIRECT CLASH WITH GOVERNMENT. A LENIENT VIEW HAS BEEN TAKEN OF REPUBLICATION BEFORE THE ACTUAL EXPIRATION OF THE SUPPRESSION OF THE PAPERS (BY 11 TO 18 DAYS DEPENDING ON THE PAPER) WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE RESULTED FROM A GENUINE MISUNDERSTANDING: IT SEEMS LIKELY THE COURTS WILL TAKE A SIMILAR VIEW.

5. RAILWAY WORKERS AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT LOWU (CT) ON 16 FEBRUARY DAUBED INFLAMMATORY SLOGANS ON A CLEAN K.C.R. SHUNTING ENGINE AND THREATENED THAT IT WOULD BE DETAINED IN CT IF TWO PORTRAITS OF MAO WERE NOT REPLACED. REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE THREAT WERE MADE TO N.C.N.A. THE ENGINE TWICE WENT INTO CT THAT DAY WITHOUT INCIDENTS, WHERE THE PORTRAITS WERE EVENTUALLY AFFIXED TO IT. IT HAS SINCE ENTERED AND RETURNED TO CT, COMPLETE WITH SLOGANS AND PORTRAITS WITHOUT INCIDENTS. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE THREAT OF DETENTION HAD OFFICIAL C.P.G. BACKING, THOUGH THE INVOLVEMENT OF CUSTOMS OFFICIALS INDICATES THAT SOME OFFICIALS AT LEAST ON THE BORDER ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE RAILWAY WORKERS. THE P.L.A.'S ATTITUDE IS NOT CLEAR BUT ITS INACTIVITY SUGGESTS THAT IT IS NOT PREPARED TO OPPOSE THE WORKERS.

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SAVINGRAM

From the Governor, Hong Kong

To the Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs No. 251

Repeated to:— No.

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Date 15th February, 1968.

My Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

Weekly Report

On 14th February, there were 850 persons held in prison for offences connected with the disturbances. In addition, 48 persons were held in detention, 26 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance, and 22 under Emergency Regulations.

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Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

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Further to my Saving Despatch 205 of 8.2.68. I forward herewith two copies of the enclosures referred to.

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EMERGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT
WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1968

A. POLICE REPORT

		31st Jan/7th Feb.	Total since 11th May/67
1. CASUALTIES (bomb casualties in brackets)			
Police	killed	-	10 (2)
	injured	-	212 (74)
Military	killed	-	1 (1)
	injured	-	29 (22)
Other uniformed services			
	killed	-	1 (1)
	injured	-	6 (6)
Civilians	killed	-	39 (11)
	injured	-	585 (238)
TOTAL	killed	-	51 (15)
	injured	-	832 (340)
2. DAMAGE			
(a) Property			
Government Buildings		-	49
Banks		-	24
Cinemas/Theatres		-	6
Other Buildings		-	42
Parking Meters		-	2628
(b) Vehicles			
Government (inc.Police)		-	23
Buses		-	38
Trams		-	7
Taxis		-	24
Public Cars		-	6
Other vehicles		-	66
3. BOMBS			
Reports		4	8379
False Alarms/Hoaxes		4	6959
Explosions		-	2,3
Bombs detonated		-	1167
Bombs found by Police search		-	185
Explosives receovered (sticks)			
	Gelignite	-	171
	Dynamite	-	564

4. CONVICTIONS

Riot	-	326
Unlawful Assembly	-	465
Breach of Curfew	-	232
Inflammatory speeches	-	82
Inflammatory Posters	3	225
Intimidation	-	207
Possession of Bombs:		
Real	2	49
Hoax	1	49
Explosive offences	-	40
Other offences	-	335
	6	2010
In prison	862	1522

After this week, this report will no longer be issued. Departments wanting to obtain up-to-date figures should telephone Mr. C.D. St.Q. Fletcher, Police Headquarters, Tel.No.228605

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ADDRESSED PEKING TELEGRAM NO. 61 OF 14TH FEBRUARY.

WEEKLY ASSESSMENT AS AT 120600.

1. NO VIOLENCE OR BOMBS.

2. COMMUNIST UNIONS AND ORGANISATIONS HAVE CONCENTRATED ON REGISTERING 'NEEDY RESIDENTS' AS RECIPIENTS FOR THE RICE, GIVEN BY THE KWANGTUNG SUPPORT COMMITTEE, WHICH THEY EXPECT TO ARRIVE SHORTLY IN THE COLONY. THE CLOTHING FOR PRISONERS IS CLAIMED TO BE ALREADY HERE. UNION OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED CANTON AUTHORITIES WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO HINDER DISTRIBUTION OF THESE GIFTS. INCREASED PRESSURE TO ALLOW THE DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHING CAN BE EXPECTED AND A MAJOR CLASH COULD ARISE IF THE COMMUNISTS INSIST ON DEFYING THE GOVERNMENT RULING THAT THE RICE MUST BE IMPORTED ON QUOTA. COMMUNIST LEADERS HERE MAY FEEL THAT BOTH PEKING AND SOME SECTIONS OF THE LOCAL POPULATION WILL SUPPORT THEM OVER THE RICE ISSUE. THE REFERENCE BACK TO CANTON FOR ADVICE IS HOWEVER, OF INTEREST AND IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE TIGHTER CONTROL BEING EXERCISED BY CPG AUTHORITIES OVER COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES.

3. AT BEGINNING OF TERM CEREMONIES IN THREE MAJOR COMMUNIST SCHOOLS THE NEED FOR ACADEMIC AS WELL AS MAO STUDIES WAS EMPHASISED. ONE SCHOOL CLAIMED A LARGE INCREASE IN ENROLMENT DURING THE HOLIDAYS. THIS WILL BE GIVEN MAXIMUM PUBLICITY AND, TOGETHER WITH A RETURN TO ACADEMIC WORK AND CONTINUED LACK OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN VIOLENCE, MAY ENCOURAGE OTHERWISE RELUCTANT PARENTS TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO COMMUNIST SCHOOLS.

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4. SEVERAL SENIOR LOCAL COMMUNIST LEADERS, WHO LEFT IN EARLY FEBRUARY, ARE STILL IN CHINA. THE CONTINUED POSTPONEMENT OF THE FORMATION OF THE KWANGTUNG REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE MAY PARTLY EXPLAIN THEIR PROLONGED ABSENCE.

5. THE BORDER REMAINS QUIET WITH ONLY TWO MINOR INCIDENTS. AFTER THE ARREST OF A WELL KNOWN COMMUNIST FROM A NEAR-BY VILLAGE ON CHARGES OF INTIMIDATION, THE ABDUCTION OF A POSTMAN IN SHA TAU KOK (B.T.) WAS THREATENED BY SIX YOUTHS. THEY, HOWEVER, DESISTED ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A PERSON, APPARENTLY IN AUTHORITY, WHO CROSSED FROM C.T. AT LOWU, AFTER A COMPLAINT THAT SMALL BOYS WERE FIRING CATAPULTS AT THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE A CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE INTERMEDIARY REPORTED THAT THE PLA DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT BUT SAID THAT FUTURE INCIDENTS IF SEEN, WOULD BE STOPPED.

6. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE LOCAL COMMUNISTS INTEND TO INTENSIFY ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES HERE. THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING EMPHASIS ON ALLEGED VIET CONG VICTORIES AT MEETINGS AND IN THE COMMUNIST PRESS. PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON THE U.S. HAVE BEEN MORE RESTRAINED THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED WITH ONLY ISOLATED REFERENCES TO THE AMERICAN USE OF HONG KONG AS A BASE. ANY MAJOR ESCALATION OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM COULD, OF COURSE, RESULT IN A REAPPRAISAL OF CHINA'S POLICY TOWARDS HONG KONG WITH THE DISTINCT POSSIBILITY OF A CPG CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENT HERE.

FO PLEASE PASS PRIORITY PEKING AS MY TELNO 61.
SIR D. TRENCH

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From the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs

To the Officer Administering the Government of

HONG KONG

Date 14 February 1968

No. 130 Saving

(687)

Your saving despatch No.205
Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

The enclosures (two copies of the report for the week ending 7 February 1968) were not included with your saving despatch. We should be grateful if these could be forwarded.

2. We note that you propose to discontinue this weekly report. We are most grateful for the detailed and up-to-date information with which they have provided us.

3. We note that a weekly despatch will continue to be sent giving us details of the number of persons held in prison and under detention.

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Mr Smith. Draft HS 13/2 with 687

Ref. 687. Please send a saving despatch in reply saying:-

(1) No enclosures were received with 687 & we should appreciate it if they could be forwarded

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AH 12.2.68.

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From the Governor, Hong Kong

To the Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs No. 205

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Date 8th February, 1968.

My Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

No enclosures

Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

My saving despatch (149) of 25.1.68. refers.

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* I attach two copies of the report for the week ending 7th February, 1968. In addition to those held in prison there were 47 persons held in detention, 30 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance and 17 under Emergency Detention Regulations.

For the future, it is proposed to discontinue this weekly report. However, a weekly despatch will continue to be sent to you giving the number of persons held in prison and under detention.

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WEEKLY ASSESSMENT AS AT 050600.

MAIN EVENTS:-

(A) NO BOMB REPORTS. THE BAN ON FIREWORKS OVER LUNAR NEW YEAR WAS EFFECTIVE.

(B) KWANGTUNG PROVINCIAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE, IN A LETTER IN THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS, HAS REITERATED SUPPORT FOR CONFRONTATION AND ANNOUNCED A GIFT OF 5,000 TONS OF RICE AND 1,000 SUITS OF WINTER CLOTHING. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE F T U HAS DECIDED TO TRY TO ISSUE CLOTHING TO PRISONERS IN STANLEY AND TO BRING IN CHINESE RED CROSS DOCTORS TO EXAMINE PRISONERS DURING DISTRIBUTION WITH THE MAXIMUM PUBLICITY. UNIONS ARE TO REGISTER PERSONS QUALIFIED FOR GIFTS OF RICE, NAMELY WORKERS ''ON STRIKE'' AND UNEMPLOYED, AND DEPENDENTS OF ''VICTIMISED'' WORKERS.

(C) THE PATTERN OF MAO STUDY AND ''COMFORT VISITS'' HAS CONTINUED IN UNIONS. EXHIBITIONS, GENERALLY WELL ATTENDED, OF MAO'S WORKS CONTINUE IN VARIOUS COMMUNIST PREMISES INCLUDING THE LEADING SCHOOLS.

(D) THE DONATION OF RICE AND CLOTHING HAS BECOME A MAJOR THEME IN THE COMMUNIST PRESS. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ATTACKED FOR ATTEMPTING TO TURN IT INTO ''A COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION''. DEVALUATION AND SALINITY ARE STILL TARGETS AND THE SUCCESSFUL APPEAL BY THREE POLICE OFFICERS AGAINST CONVICTION FOR MANSLAUGHTER HAS BEEN DENOUNCED AS A ''LEGAL TRICK''.

(E) MINOR INCIDENTS CONTINUE ON THE BORDER. ON 31ST JANUARY A CROWD OF 90 CHILDREN AND 10 ADULTS STONED AND THREW FIREWORKS FROM CT AT THE POLICE POST IN SHA TAU KOK FOR TWO HOURS WITHOUT DAMAGE OR ANY INTERFERENCE BY THE P L A. THERE WAS ONE OTHER CASE OF STONING OF A POLICE VEHICLE IN THE SAME AREA.

(F) A NUMBER OF LEADING COMMUNIST OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE LOCAL DIRECTOR OF THE N C N A, LEFT FOR CHINA ON 2ND AND 3RD FEBRUARY: SOME OF THEM HAD ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A PROTRACTED VISIT THERE.

2. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNIST CONTOLLED STONEWORKERS UNION WAS RELEASED WHEN A NOLLE PROSEQUI WAS ENTERED IN A CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF A POLICEMAN AND THE THEFT OF HIS REVOLVER ON 9TH DECEMBER 1967. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY DETAINED UNDER THE DEPORTATION OF ALIENS' ORDINANCE SINCE HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE SUPERVISED THE ACTIVITIES OF TWO COMMUNIST ''COMBAT'' GROUPS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ONE OF WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN THE CASE.

3. REPORTS FROM KWANGTUNG PROVINCE INDICATE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE IS BEING DELAYED BY FACTIONAL CLASHES IN A NUMBER OF CITIES. THE VISIT TO CHINA OF A NUMBER OF COMMUNIST LEADERS FROM HONG KONG MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE FORMATION OF THIS COMMITTEE.

4. THE OFFER OF RICE AND CLOTHING IS UNDOUBTEDLY A MAJOR MOVE BY C P G AUTHORITIES IN KWANGTUNG TO DEMONSTRATE THAT CHINA STILL SUPPORTS THE STRUGGLE HERE. IT WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE PROPAGANDA AND BOOST THE MORALE OF THE COMMUNIST RANK AND FILE. THE FIRST MOVES ARE BEING MADE IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT THE RICE TO BE IMPORTED OUTSIDE THE QUOTA AND NOT THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE KWAGTUNG AUTHORITIES WILL ACCEPT THE F T U PROPOSALS ABOUT SUPERVISING DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHING: IF THEY DO SO, THIS COULD PRESENT PROBLEMS.

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SIR D. TRENCH

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For CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ

Sitrep 5 Feb

1. Mauritius

a. Generally quiet.
b. Curfew remains Port Louis at night. Number of arrests for curfew infringements being made daily. A number of wanted gang leaders have also been arrested.
c. Flag marches conducted by troops from 1 Ksli on 31 Jan Jan and 1 Feb in outlying districts were well received.
d. HMS EURYALUS withdrew 31 Jan.

2. Rodrigues. Quiet. HMS CAMBRIAN and RFA TIDEREACH withdrew 31 Jan.

3. Hong Kong. Quiet. Frontier commitment now reduced to one Battalion.

4. East Malaysia. Sabah. Floods subsiding. No UK assistance requested.

5. Exercises. LIVE WIRE ONE. 5 to 9 Feb. Joint force headquarters CPX with HQ 3 CDO BDE and 224 Mobile GP.

6. Intend next sitrep 13 Feb

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Weekly Assessment as at 29 0600.

Main events:-

(A) No genuine bombs. Six hoax bombs reported. 66 sticks of dynamite surrendered under the terms of the Amnesty as well as more fireworks, weapons and ammunition. Still no evidence of any coming from Communist sources.

(B) Seven of a group of twenty demonstrating outside a police station were arrested after demanding release of those arrested on 19 January. As a follow-up an orderly deputation visited Police H.Q. to protest. (My telegram 32 refers).

(C) Chinese New Year 'comfort visits' to unemployed workers and families of those killed or imprisoned during Confrontation have been a feature of Communist Union activity together with propagation of Mao's Thoughts and attempts to solicit support for wage increase demands. A further delegation to Labour Department was hostile in its attitude.

(D) 200 'relations' of Confrontation prisoners protested on 27 January at the Social Welfare office about alleged ill-treatment in prisons. One prisoner committed suicide earlier the same day, though events were not apparently connected.

(E) A reduction in activity in Communist schools.

(F) Police persecution, salinity and Government policy towards hawkers and squatters were the main themes in the Communist Press.

(G) Minor incidents continued in the Border Area. On 23 January a Gurkha Sapper received a slight hand wound from a stone thrown by a group of ten year old boys in CT. PLA did nothing to stop this but on two other occasions dispersed groups of stone-throwing boys. Also on 23 January, offensive slogans were painted on the British shunting engine. These were erased by us but replaced the next day with threats that further erasure would mean the engine would not be permitted to cross the border. Official protests have been made to the NCNA here and further erasures deferred until after Chinese New Year.

2. The Communist Labour Movement is laying great emphasis on comfort visits over Chinese New Year: gifts of cash and food and offers of assistance may well persuade former members of Communist Unions to return to the fold. Increasing hostility of delegations to Government offices suggests an increase in both size and militancy in future.

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3. So far PLA and CPG Border authorities have ignored the recent slogan painting on our shunting engine. It is not clear whether this indicates approval or unwillingness to interfere with what could be represented as 'good anti-Imperialist activity'.

Foreign Office please pass Immediate Peking as my telegram No. 47.

Sir D. Trench

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For CDS, Chairman COSAUST. CDS NZ. Sitrep 29 Jan 68 (date).

1. Mauritius.

a. Apart from isolated acts of arson and looting in unoccupied houses the general situation is slowly returning to normal. The death roll reached 21 yesterday with the discovery of the body of a Creole woman in Port Louis.

b. Police/military patrols continue cordon and search operations in hard core areas of Port Louis.

c. A start has been made with the organised evacuation to other accommodation of displaced persons from refugee centres.

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2. Rodrigues.

a. The situation remains calm but local authorities are apprehensive of a deterioration when the Royal Navy depart.

b. RFA TIDEREACH arrives back at Rodrigues from Mauritius this afternoon with a small police reinforcement party of 1 Sgt and 6 Constables.

c. Royal Naval patrols will be concentrated at Mathurin today. Intention is to embark all Naval personnel tomorrow and then for HMS CAMBRIAN to withdraw out of sight to seaward to test reactions.

d. Subject to Governor Mauritius approval CAMBRIAN and TIDEREACH will sail for Gan area 31 Jan.

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3. Hong Kong remains quiet. No true bombs and only one false and four hoax reported. Two incidents of stone throwing by children in border area reported 23 and 25 Jan. In second incident at Lo Wu CCA guards chased children off.

4. East Malaysia Sabah. Serious floods reported on East Coast of Sabah, said to be worse than those in 1963. Worst area is along Kinabatangan River which runs into sea at Sandakan (GR8254) and is reported 40 feet above normal and still rising. Shell helicopter and one from Royal Brunei Malay Regiment being sent to area in response to request from State Government. No request yet received for U.K. help.

5. Deployments. Navy. HERMES leaves station today for U.K.

6. Exercises.

a. WILLOUGHBY. BN HQ and two Companies 2 R. Anglian arrive Singapore ex UK 4 Feb for jungle training in South Johore area until mid March.

b. Barkhako Bijuli (Lightening). 2/2 GR BN Exercise in the Mersing Area with helicopter support from FEAF.

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From the Governor, Hong Kong

To the Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs No. 149

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Date 25th January, 1968.

My Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

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My Saving Despatch No.116 of 18.1.68. refers.

I attach two copies of the report for the week ending 24th January, 1968.

The number of persons in detention remains at 47.

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EMERGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT
WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1968.

A. POLICE REPORT

		17th/24th Jan	Total since 11th May/67
1. CASUALTIES (bomb casualties in brackets)			
Police	killed	-	10 (2)
	injured	-	212)74)
Military	killed	-	1 (1)
	injured	-	29 (22)
Other uniformed services	killed	-	1 (1)
	injured	-	6 (6)
Civilians	killed	-	39 (11)
	injured	-	585 (238)
TOTAL	killed	-	51 (15)
	injured	-	832 (340)

2. DAMAGE		
(a) Property		
Government Buildings	-	49
Banks	-	24
Cinemas/Theatres	-	6
Other Buildings	-	42
Parking Meters	-	2628
(b) Vehicles		
Government (inc.Police)	-	23
Buses	-	38
Trams	-	7
Taxis	-	24
Public Cars	-	6
Other vehicles	-	66
3. BOMBS		
Reports	4	8374
False Alarms/Hoaxes	4	6954
Explosions	-	253
Bombs detonated	-	1167
Bombs found by Police search	-	185
Explosives recovered (sticks)		
Gelignite	-	171
Dynamite	-	564

4. CONVICTIONS

Riot	5	326
Unlawful Assembly	-	465
Breach of Curfew	-	232
Inflammatory Speeches	-	82
Inflammatory Posters	2	222
Intimidatioh	2	207
Possession of Bombs:		
Real	2	47
Hoax	3	48
Explosive offences	-	40
Other offences	2	335
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In prison	886	1507

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Mr. Carter

I brought back with me from Hong Kong two copies of a report on the bomb campaign and how Hong Kong coped with it which the C.I.D. had kindly prepared for me. It is an interesting document, and I think you may well wish to have it on record in the Department.

2. I also was given a report on newspaper readership in Hong Kong which the Government Information Services Department commissioned last October, together with a note by them on the operation of the special Publicity Unit. I think you will also find these of interest.

Detached.
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A.N.G.

(A.N. Galsworthy)
4th January, 1968.

Mr. Gammara

I have only glanced at these and would like to look at them again at a more leisurely time.

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Mr Russell. 24/1

Mr Macoun. 25/1

Mr Hicks. 25/1

You may be interested to see the attached.

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Mr Carter.

I should like to retain one copy for our records.

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R. 3B. Copy sent 20/1

Pl. register this copy & return the other one to Mr Macoun for retention.

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REPORT FOR 681

SIR ARTHUR GALSWORTHY

K.C.M.G.

HONG KONG POLICE

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Police Headquarters,
Hong Kong.

19th December, 1967.

Communist Bomb Campaign -
Statistics and Current Trends

STATISTICS

Reports

From the introduction of the bomb campaign into the Communist confrontation of the Hong Kong Government in June, 1967 until 16.00 hours on the 19th December, 1967 a total of 8278 suspected bombs has been reported. Of this number, 6866 proved to be non-explosive devices, being either simulated bombs maliciously planted by terrorists or innocent articles wrongly suspected to be bombs and reported in good faith. Of the genuine bombs encountered, 253 exploded after being thrown or before they could be dealt with by explosive experts, whilst the remaining 1159 were detonated or neutralised by the disposal teams. The total number of genuine bombs is now 1412. The foregoing figures do not include 123 bombs seized during police raids.

2. The comparative weekly figures may be seen from the graph at Annexure I (totals up to week ending 17th December, 1967).

Casualties

3. A total of 19 persons have been killed and 352 injured as a result of bomb explosions. Of these :-

(a) 11 killed, and 238 injured, were members of the public;

(b) 2 killed, and 74 injured, were members of the police force;

(c) 1 killed, and 22 injured, were military personnel;

(d) 1 killed, and 6 injured, were members of other services;

(e) 4 killed, and 12 injured, were bomb terrorists killed or injured as a result of their own actions.

Charges and Detention

4. The total number of persons charged with offences relating to true bombs and explosive devices is 98. Most prosecutions are taken under various Emergency Regulations but use is made also of the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance and the Explosive Substances

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Ordinance. Additionally, 63 persons have been charged with various offences arising from possession of simulated bombs. The offences have arisen from incidents involving bomb attacks, bomb planting and the carriage, manufacture or storage of bombs and explosives. Of the total arrests, 24 were made by, or following reports by, members of the public and the remainder by members of the security services, mainly police, either on the streets or during raids on premises. In addition to criminal charges, a total of 8 persons have been detained under the Emergency (Principal) Regulations or the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance. Such persons are the leaders or key members of bomb fighting groups which have been neutralised during the later stages of the campaign.

CURRENT TRENDS

5. The intensity of the bomb campaign has varied throughout, periods of relative quiet being followed by upsurges of bomb incidents. The latter periods often coincide with particular events such as the visit of Lord Shepherd, Hong Kong Week and the return of H.E. the Governor from vacation leave. Escalation of violence has frequently been incited by communist press.

6. Following a particularly high number of incidents during October, which led to the strengthening of the Bomb Investigation Unit and re-organisation into its present structure, there was a gradual decline during the latter part of November. This trend continued until December 7th when there was a further sudden decrease following the return from China of KI Fung, the Deputy Director of the Hong Kong Branch of the New China News Agency. Whether the decrease was co-incidental or consequential to KI's return is a matter of conjecture, but it was certainly accompanied by a vastly moderated tone in the communist press.

7. There are in fact two main alternative explanations for the almost dramatic turn of events in the bomb campaign:-

(a) that the campaign is being phased out, either to be replaced by other tactics or to signal the end of the violent stages of the confrontation, at least for the time being; or

(b) that the communists are building up resources in preparation for a renewed and more violent bomb offensive.

8. Meanwhile, the general assessment made in the paper dated 27th November 1967 (folio 2) is still valid. The reduction in the number of bomb carriers has naturally led to a decrease in the number of arrests on the streets, but police investigations and the interrogation of persons in custody have not raised any reasons to doubt the conclusions reached earlier concerning the organisation of terrorist cells controlled by localised branches of various organisations which in turn work within general, rather than specific, central policy and control.

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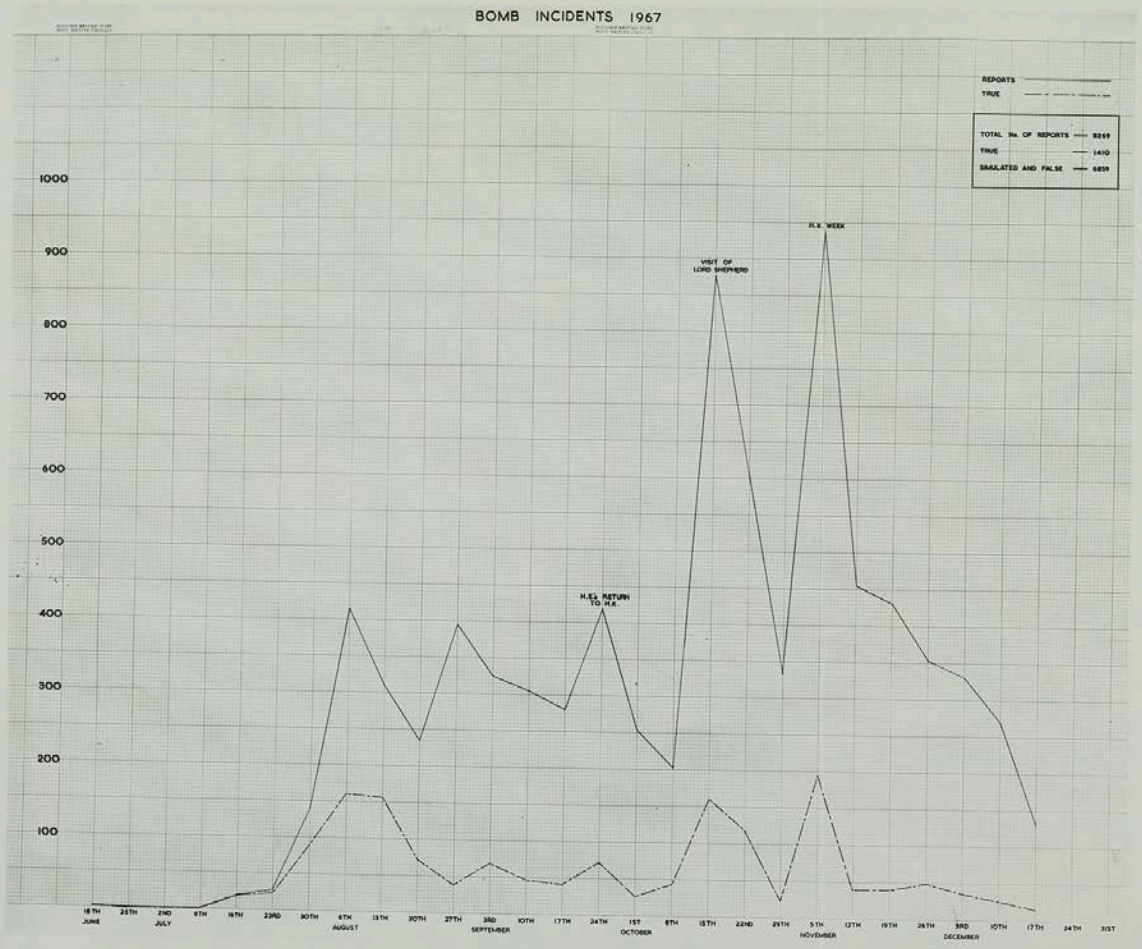
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REPORTS
TRUE
TOTAL No. OF REPORTS — 8269
TRUE — 1410
SIMULATED AND FALSE — 6859
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VISIT OF LORD SHEPHERD
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Disturbances in Hong Kong, 1967

1400 on 11.5.67 to 1600 on 19.12.67

(A) CASUALTIES

	Police	Military	Other Security Forces	"Opposition"	Others/Doubtful
Killed	10	1	1 (Fire Services)	25	14
Injured	212	29	6 (4 Fire; 2 HCF)	332	253

Burials by Govt. of uncl'd bodies : 23 — Other burials : 16 — Bodies still uncl'd : Nil.

(B) PRISONERS

Total Arrests	Convicted	Released (Not charged)	Acquitted	Remanded (Awaiting Trial)	Pending	Died
4408	1916	1953	394	129	11	5

Conviction Analysis :	Riot	Unlawful Assembly	Breach of Curfew	Poss. of Bombs Real	Poss. of Bombs Hoax	Explosive Offences
	318	465	232	34	43	32

Emergency Reg. Convictions :

Inf. Posters	Inf. Speeches	Int. Assembly	Other Offences
206	80	185	321

Subject of Detention Order	Deportation Orders made	Deportation Orders executed
10	27	5

(C) PROPERTY DAMAGE

Buildings

Government :
- Post Offices 8
- R/E Offices 5
- Police 8
- Rural C'ttee Offices .. 3
- Others 25

Banks 24
Cinemas/Theatres 6
Other Buildings 42

Miscellaneous Property

Parking meters 2602
Cameras 4
Other property 18
Police launches 1

Vehicles Damaged +

- Govt. (incl. Police) 23
- Buses 28
- Trams 7
- Taxis 24
- Public Cars 6
- Other vehicles (incl. M/Cycles) 66

+Including those seriously damaged by fire :-

- Public Transport 6
- Taxis 12
- Private cars 20
- Others 11

(a large number of traffic signs have also been damaged).

(D) AMMO. EXPENDED (Police only)

Baton Shells 784
Gas Cartridges 1271
Gas Shells 1115
Gas Grenades 35
Greener 115
.38 256
Carbine 309
Sterling 75

No. of occasions gas used 86
No. of occasions ball ammo. used ... 86
No. of casualties as a result of Police use of firearms :-
- Killed 17
- Injured 44

(E) BOMBS

Explosions 253
Reports of U/X bombs 8025
False alarms 6866
U/X bombs were found 1159
Bombs found as a result of police search/action.. 123

	Killed	Injured
Casualties caused by bombs	11	328
Suspected bomb-terrorists shot in the act	2	5
Suspected bomb-terrorists killed/injured by their own act	4	12

Sticks of explosives found/seized : Gel. : 164 Dyn. 564

(F) POLICE RAIDS Opposed : 9 Unopposed: 1235

(G) CURFEWS H.K.I. : 3 Kowloon : 5 N.T. : 1

(H) ATTACKS On transport & other workers : 64

(I) AUXILIARIES No. of calendar days on which mobilised : 28

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1. Trivial injuries to persons and minor damage to property, e.g. scratches and dents, are not included.

2. This statistical sheet will normally be issued on each working day but if at any time there are no significant changes to be recorded, publication may be with-held.

(C.D. St. Q. Fletcher)
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Police Headquarters,
Hong Kong.

27th November, 1967

Communist Confrontation of Hong Kong Government -

Appreciation of Terrorist Bomb Campaign

Introduction

The use of bombs and explosives by the communists began on 21st June, 1967, when the first bombs, both real and simulated, were planted. The introduction of this form of activity, in fact, marked a new phase in the confrontation which has continued with varying degrees of intensity ever since.

2. There have been periods of relative quiet followed by an upsurge of bomb activities, but there have been no periods completely free. Bomb incidents have, on occasions, been accompanied by noisy demonstrations, but generally devices have been laid clandestinely by individuals or small groups and such activities have in recent weeks comprised the major effort on the part of the local communists.

3. So far 7487 reports of bombs have been received of which 1332 have been true, 6155 simulated or false. A total of 15 persons have been killed and 337 injured including 4 bomb planters themselves killed and 11 injured by their own devices. Damage to property has been relatively light.

4. To assess the problem it is necessary to examine various aspects of terrorist bomb activity.

The Effect of Bomb Incidents.

5. Clearly, the most serious effect of real bombs is death and injury to persons and damage to property which currently gives cause for grave concern. The indiscriminate planting of explosive devices and deliberate attacks on persons and property clearly indicate the disregard of the communists for the safety of innocent persons.

6. The next major effect is the disruption of normal life within the Colony. The obstruction caused to traffic flow, public services and so forth, creates an air of tension which prevents a state of normality from prevailing and undermines public confidence. In this context, it is also necessary to consider the effect on the tourist industry. Although earlier indications that the industry may be seriously affected have not been substantiated the prospect remains.

7. Finally, considerable time and effort is frequently expended and manpower committed in the guarding, disposal and investigation of bomb incidents.

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The Bombs

In the early stages bombs tended to lack strength and to be of simple crude design. Danger of death from an explosion was not great. As the campaign has progressed, devices have tended to become more sophisticated in design and of greater power. Many are now extremely lethal.

9. The explosive substance in most cases is gunpowder either extracted from commercialfirecrackers or home-made from basic ingredients. A number of bombs, however, have contained dynamite and gelignite. The extent of stocks held by the communists is not known, but although the measures taken to control fireworks and commercial explosives must necessarily reduce the amount readily available, sources of supply are not difficult to establish. Smuggling of explosives and use of a black market in commercial explosives are but two methods. To maintain the terrorist campaign at its present intensity does not in any event require large quantities.

10. The casings for bombs have varied from oil cans and milk and cigarette tins to water pipes and properly cast grenade casings, some of them fragmented. The latter require some technical skill, readily available amongst members of various unions including plumbers, metal workers, etc. Most casings appear to be of simple home-made design, but one type of grenade is believed to be similar to those used by East River Column guerillas against K.M.T. forces in the pre 1944 struggle.

11. Fuses have varied from simple firecracker fuses to ingenious electrical devices and timing mechanisms, including parking meter clocks. Firing plungers and detonators have also been used. Some of these require technical skill, but most are simple and can be assembled after the minimum of instruction.

12. There have been a number of incendiary devices discovered which contain petrol and other inflammable materials.

13. Thus, it may be seen that whilst a degree of sophistication has been introduced, the professionalism in the manufacture of bombs is limited.

14. There are indications that in many cases the casings are supplied to a fighting group to be filled and primed before use. In other cases the group is left to its own devices to produce the entire bomb. It seems, therefore, that there is no large bomb factory although it is likely that casings are cast or made in one of a number of centres for local distribution. Instruction in assembly and handling is a simple matter and in at least one case classes are believed to be held in left wing premises for this purpose. The mosquito press has also carried instructional articles on manufacture. School laboratories are also a possible source of instruction and manufacture and information has been received that physics teachers of communist schools are so engaged.

15. In brief, bombs can be made virtually anywhere by anyone with the minimum of training. Lack of thorough preparation in many cases is indicated by the number of terrorists blown up by their own bombs.

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16. Simulated bombs vary widely in nature and present no difficulty in manufacture. Those planted together with real bombs are generally more realistic than individual productions.

The Bombers

17. Although in one or two cases persons arrested in possession of bombs have been from the criminal element with no strong political beliefs, they have been exceptions to the rule. The vast majority are militant communists completely indoctrinated and prepared to continue their activities in the face of death. Union members and youthful students comprise the majority. Males and females have been used although the former are in the majority. Ages vary, but youths and men in their twenties are the most significant age groups. They are tough and stubborn and have shown strong resistance to hostile interrogation, although occasional outbursts occur when they admit an offence committed in furtherence of the "struggle" and launch into a tirade against the "oppressors". Dividends from questioning have therefore been few in the past, but recent vigorous and continuous interrogation has produced results. Such methods supported by strategem provide the only chance of success.

Times, Places, Targets.

18. There has been no firm geographical pattern to bomb incidents which have been fairly distributed over the urban areas. Some areas, however, have been more heavily and frequently affected than others as, for example, the Ma Tau Wai, Ma Tou Chung Road areas of Kowloon and the Johnston Road area in Hong Kong. Such areas usually have a preponderence of left-wing premises. Commercial areas and major traffic routes are also popular targets.

19. Although much of the bomb planting appears to have been indiscriminate, it is clear that in many cases the intention has been to disrupt traffic flow and public services. There have been major disruptions on occasions, but better planning and co-ordination on the part of the communists could have resulted in far more serious and far reaching effects.

20. There have been attacks on specific targets including police stations, police patrols, bomb disposal teams, leading hotels and Government and Military premises. These have generally been sporadic with no obvious reason for selection. In some cases, however, targets, areas and times have been selected to meet a particular occasion, as for example the arrival of Lord Shepherd, Hong Kong Week, the opening of Lion Rock Tunnel, etc. but again better planning and co-ordination could have had more serious consequences.

21. The most popular periods of the day for the laying of bombs are in the early morning or under the cover of darkness in the evening although these periods are by no means exclusive, many incidents occurring in broad daylight.

Control and Planning

22. So far, all indications are that terrorist bomb activities are perpetrated by small localized units exhorted by the Communist hierarchy in Hong Kong, working through the medium of the press, unions and political agents. The whole pattern of the activities indicates a lack of central control, co-ordination and planning. It suggests individual or group effort within an approved campaign policy.

23. Where cells or units have been overtaken, investigations have traced the sources of control to unions, and in some cases to C.P.G. banks. In two cases definite links between "Fighting Groups" and identified members of the staff of a particular bank have been established. Communist Schools have also provided breeding grounds for young offenders. Since strong police action was taken against union and other premises control has become even more localized with cells and units operating in their own geographical areas. The leader or a "liaison officer" has become the link with the local branch of the union or other organization. Apart from general directives there is no evidence of major central control or cohesion of specific operations.

24. Control by local cells, a classical Communist method of operation, has tended to localize action. In earlier cases, there was evidence that arrested persons had carried their bombs relatively long distances, but recent arrests have indicated that groups or individuals operate mainly within close proximity of their homes - albeit sometimes newly established in the area.

25. Thus, it seems that in so far as investigation of terrorist groups is concerned the highest targets are likely to be local branches of unions, banks, school, etc. The effective interrogation of the echelons at this level may well provide an insight into central policy directives, but is unlikely to reveal evidence of firm central control.

Problems of Investigations

26. The examination outlined in the foregoing paragraphs has revealed the extent of the problem and difficulties in investigation. These may be summarised as follows:-

(a) the bomb campaign comprises the major issue in the confrontation at present;

(b) apart from the serious threat to life and property, the continuance of the campaign precludes a return to any semblance of normality and poses a serious threat to public confidence;

(c) whilst there is a variance in methods, organizations, areas, times, targets, etc., a close examination of past cases, interrogation of prisoners and field investigations can produce information which may be exploited;

(d) however, because of the fanatical nature of the terrorists, hostile and lengthy interrogation is necessary to obtain such information and to achieve this maximum use must be made of legal powers of summary detention under the Emergency Regulations, - at present difficulties in physical environment in which interrogations take place are experienced;

(e) at present, there is a serious lack of reliable information concerning terrorist activities. There has been considerable increase in the number of arrests or reports by members of the public, but the potential of the private citizen - the eyes and ears of the total non-Communist population, including the semi-criminal element, is not being realized;

(f) the evidence of numerous small localized cells and the lack of central control and organization, presents problems in detection since every unit must be attacked separately - clearly, by numbers alone, extensive counter operations are necessary.

Recommended Action

27. From a study of the situation to date and the relative success achieved in recent cases the following measures are recommended:-

(a) If the situation is to be brought under control, counter measures must be of an offensive nature. Every effort must be made to neutralize the localized cells and remove, at least, senior members from the community. Large seizures of explosives are unlikely, but any lead to factories or stores must be exploited to the fullest extent. Any further links into central policy directives, whether or not to members of sensitive organizations, must be considered seriously with a view to action;

(b) To achieve this object, full use should be made of the powers of detention under the Emergency Regulations. Normally, where a criminal charge can be laid this should be done. However, it has already been established in recent cases that admissable evidence is often not available against senior members of a group and in others a charge would preclude maximum dividend. In such cases, it is recommended that a case be made out for detention for 12 months under Regulation 31 of the Emergency (Principal) Regulations. Four such cases are at present pending. This will remove offenders from the scene for the time being and, at the expiry of the detention period, the position can be reviewed in the light of prevailing circumstances. Deportation may be then considered. To cater for any appreciable number of detainees, it is suggested that initial preparation be made for the provisioning of Chatham Road Compound for this purpose;

(c) In view of the increasing commitments of the Bomb Investigation Unit, it is suggested that its function should be confined to the neutralization of cells, the detection of factories or stores and any immediate direct intelligence dividend leading to controlling agencies. Any further interrogation or enquiries likely to provide a general intelligence dividend should be undertaken by Special Branch;

(d) To circumvent difficulties in physical environment the full facilities of V.R.C. should be available for interrogation of selected prisoners by Investigation Unit personnel, subject to clearance with D.S.B.

(e) Interrogation of all arrested persons must be thorough and, where necessary, vigorous in order to identify accomplices, and sources and to obtain maximum exploitable information from the prisoner.

(f) Full utilization must be made of available resources in developing information concerning bomb activities and conducting field enquiries;

(g) Districts must maintain close liaison with the Unit in all matters concerning bombs so as to avoid jeopardizing operations by duplication of action;

(h) Preventive action should continue and be intensified. Ambushes, special patrols and selective action against left-wing premises provide a media for such action, particularly in areas where bomb incidents are prevalent.

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(i) Every effort should be made to harness the potential of the private citizen in reporting terrorist activities. A publicity campaign aimed at the law-abiding citizen is one method. The effect of the terrorist campaign, civic duty and the rewards available are points which should be included. Pressure on known triad characters, gambling schools, etc., is also likely to produce results; it is difficult to imagine that the underworld telegraph cannot produce anything of value.

In short, every means within the law and on the fringes can and must be used to bring the situation under control.

The Bomb Investigation Unit

28. A number of internal problems have arisen in the operation and administration of the Bomb Investigation Unit, but these are largely teething troubles and can be solved. In any event, it is too early to assess the effectiveness of the unit in its present form. Provided that officers of the unit can devote themselves to their main task as recommended above and do not become burdened with extraneous duties, the present structure is adequate, at least, for the time being. It should be possible to assess the structure further and to make any recommendation for changes after a trial period of 1 month in the light of prevailing circumstances.

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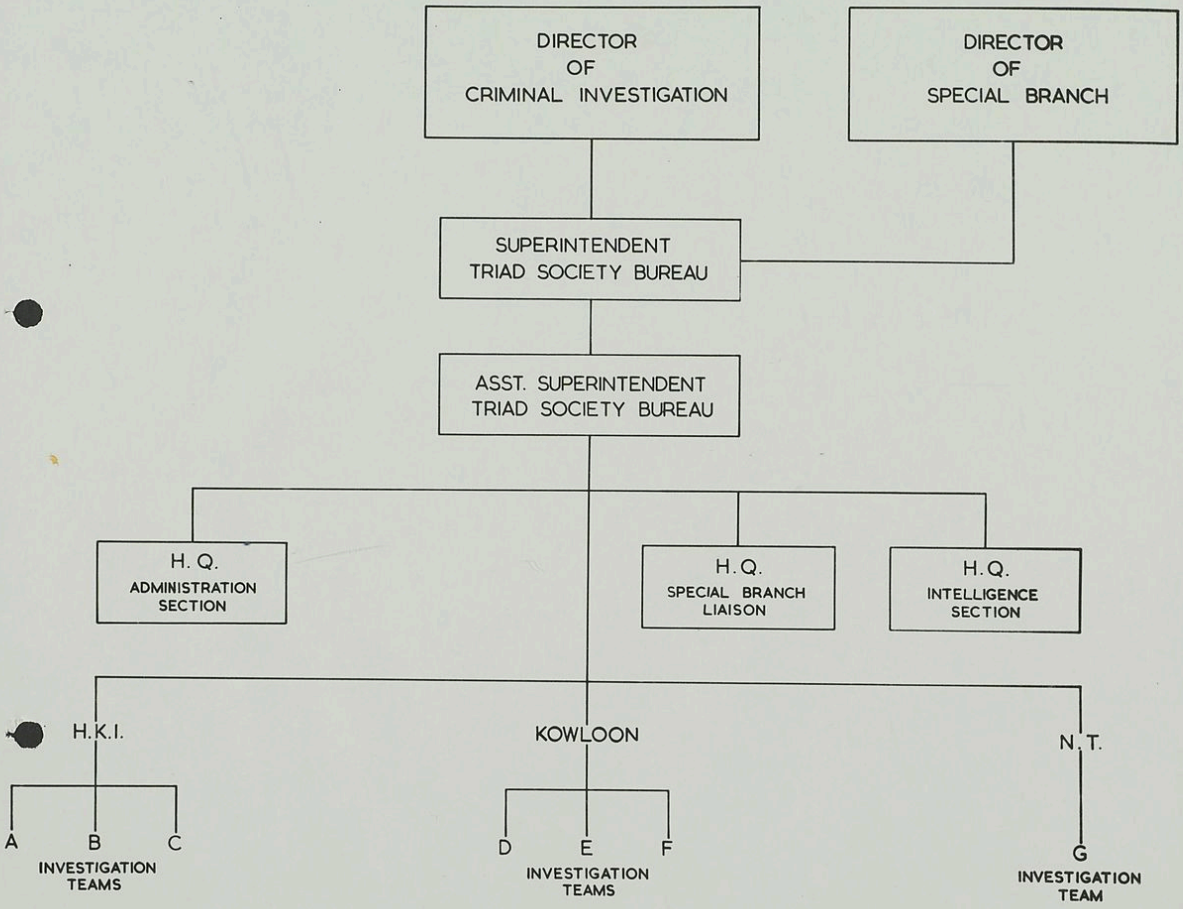
BOMB INVESTIGATION UNIT



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EACH TEAM CONSISTS OF:-

1 SPECIAL BRANCH INSPECTOR
1 C. I. D. INSPECTOR
1 SPECIAL BRANCH N.C.O. OR P.C.
1 C.I.D. N.C.O. OR P.C.

TOTAL STRENGTH

GAZETTED OFFICERS	— 2
SENIOR INSPECTORS	— 2
INSPECTORS	—15
SERGEANTS	— 1
CORPORALS	— 4
CONSTABLES	—19

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PRIORITY HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

Telno 107 24 January 1967

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Addressed to Commonwealth Office telegram No. 107 of 24 January
Repeated for information to POLAD Singapore

For Commonwealth Office and Cabinet Office for J.I.C.

JICTEL 44.

We have the following comments.

We would prefer the last sentence of paragraph 3 to read 'by reinforcing patrols with extra guard dogs.'

2. My immediately preceding telegram gives details of minor disturbances on 23 January. These incidents while not serious in themselves, could foreshadow an increase, both in size and militancy, of delegations of Communist organisations visiting Government Departments.

Foreign Office please pass Routine to POLAD Singapore 18.

Sir D. Trench

[Repeated as requested]
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Addressed to Commonwealth Office telegram No. 106 of 24 January.
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Incidents on 23 January.

At 1100 twenty people protested outside Central Police Station about the arrest of three men in Western District on 19 January. They refused to disperse or to go to the neighbouring remand centre to visit the men; became hostile and began to chant. As a result 6 men and 1 woman were arrested. In the afternoon two men representing workers in the printing trade went to Colony Police Headquarters to protest against the arrest at Western and Central. Their attitude was apologetic and they reiterated that they were acting on the instructions of their Unions. There has also been another unruly delgation, 30 strong, to the Labour Department, they forced their way into the building and remained for some time until dispersing, with threats to return in greater strength. They refused to be interviewed in small groups.

Foreign Office please pass Peking as my telegram No. 32.

Sir D. Trench

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Addressed to Peking telegram No. 31 of 24 January.

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Weekly assessment as at 21 0600.

Main events:-

(a) No bomb reports.

(b) A number of fireworks, weapons and firearms have been surrendered under the amnesty, but there is nothing to indicate that any have originated from Communist sources.

(c) Police were forced to use tear gas and baton shells to disperse a hostile crowd of about 300 gathered outside a police station to demand the release of the driver of a lorry carrying C.P.G. produce arrested for obstruction and assault. Stones were thrown at police and a newspaper photographer assaulted. Representatives of the major Communist Transport Workers Unions have presented several demands including the release of the driver at police H.Q.

(d) Union meetings continue to propagate Mao's Works, to discuss wage increases and to organise missions of comfort to families of those killed, injured, imprisoned or unemployed as a result of confrontation. Officials of one Union have claimed that current negotiations between Britain and Peking will result in the re-instatement of those discharged with back pay but at two other Unions, members have been told to ignore rumours of negotiations and to continue to struggle. A small well behaved Union group visited the Colonial Secretariat and a larger more bellicose one the Labour Department to demand wage increases.

(e) Communist schools are pre-occupied with end of term examinations which the majority are holding apparently in response to parental pressure. The questions in all papers, including physics and chemistry, are based mainly on the works of Mao and are of a low standard to ensure that the majority achieve good results.

(f) Press attacks continue to concentrate on salinity and devaluation. Allegations were made that Government prevented Communists from aiding squatters made homeless in a fire and that the incident at (c) above was "a planned armed suppression of drivers".

(g) Senior C.P.G. appointees in local organisations have returned from China having been away since October 1967.

SECRET /(h) A calm

(h) A calm period on the border. Illegal immigration by sea continues but it is reported that C.T. fishermen have been threatened with death if they are caught helping escapers.

2. Ten minor schools were inspected by Education Department. In one the inspection had to be terminated early because of the behaviour of the students. In the remainder there were protests against government "persecution" and chanting of Mao slogans.

3. Travellers continue to report clashes in Canton suburbs and outbreaks of fighting in rural areas despite progress in forming "revolutionary great alliances".

4. The lorry driver incident is thought to have been a spontaneous demonstration by Communist lorry drivers who are normally concentrated in the area. It does underline the fact that any action by police or government to enforce the law against Communist supporters can result in a violent reaction by militants despite the present non violent policy. The Union protest visit to police H.Q. reflects the current drive by the leaders to persuade their followers that they have little to fear from the police and that the Unions are regaining their pre-confrontation status.

5. There are indications that the rumours of negotiations in Peking are being discounted by some local Communists although the account at paragraph 1(d) could have serious repercussions.

6. It is too early to assess fully the significance of the return of senior local Communist leaders but it seems unlikely that it will result in any drastic change in policy, pending the current review by Peking of the situation here.

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Sir D. Trench

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For CDS, Chariman COSAUST, CDS NZ.

Sitrep 22nd January, 1968.

1. Mauritius.

Following communal riots causing five deaths, state of emergency declared in Port Louis 21st January.

2. Hong Kong.

Generally quiet week. No true and only five false and hoax bombs. One incident of stone throwing at Sha Tau Kok. On 19th January in Western district Hong Kong Island Police forced to open fire with tear gas and baton shells to disperse crowd of some 600 which gathered when a lorry driver was arrested after an altercation outside a Police Station.

3. Deployments.

Army. Post Crown (East Thailand), 11 Indep Fd Sqn have been relieved by 54 Sp Sqn RE and are now at Terendak.

4. Exercises.

a. ORGANDIE. 23rd January to 22nd February. B Sqn 22 SAS from UK, Tactical Jungle Training in Northern Malaysia.

b. NUMB. 23rd to 26th January and 5th to 9th February in Gan Area. Submarine exercise to assess relative chances of patrol submarines in coordinated and independant transits against a nuclear submarine and vice versa.

c. PARTNER 27th January to 4th February in Gan Area. Major Fleet Exercise including operational evaluation of the nuclear submarine in the close support role.

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Date 18th January, 1968.

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Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

My Saving Despatch No.15 of 4.1.1968 refers.

I enclose two copies of the report for the week ending 10th January, 1968.

There has been no change in the number of persons held in detention since last week.

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EMERGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT

WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 1968.

A. POLICE REPORT

		11/17th Jan.	Total since 11th May/67
1. CASUALTIES (bomb casualties in brackets)			
Police	killed	-	10 (2)
	injured	-	212 (74)
Military	killed	-	1 (1)
	injured	-	29 (22)
Other uniformed services			
	killed	-	1 (1)
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Civilians	killed	-	39 (11)
	injured	-	585 (238)
TOTAL	killed	-	51 (15)
	injured	-	832 (340)
2. DAMAGE			
(a) Property			
Government Buildings		-	49
Banks		-	24
Cinemas/Theatres		-	6
Other Buildings		-	42
Parking Meters		2	2628
(b) Vehicles			
Government (inc.Police)		-	23
Buses		-	38
Trams		-	7
Taxis		-	24
Public Cars		-	6
Other vehicles		-	66
3. BOMBS			
Reports		5	8370
False Alarms/Hoaxes		5	6950
Explosions		-	253
Bombs detonated		-	1167
Bombs found by Police search		-	185
Explosives recovered (sticks)			
	Gelignite	-	171
	Dynamite	-	564

4. CONVICTIONS

Riot	3	321
Unlawful Assembly	-	465
Breach of Curfew	-	232
Inflammatory Speeches	1	82
Inflammatory Posters	5	220
Intimidation	20	205
Possession of Bombs:		
Real	-	45
Hoax	-	45
Explosive offences	5	40
Other offences	2	333
	36	1988
In prison	890	1497

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Telegram No. 94 19 January, 1968

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Addressed to Commonwealth Office telegram No. 94 of 19 January,
Repeated for information to Peking.

At 10.30 a.m. this morning in the Western Police Division of Hong Kong Island a police constable stopped a China Products rice lorry for obstruction. While the driver was being questioned, a man assaulted the policeman knocking papers from his hand and tearing his uniform. A mobile police patrol passing by arrested the assailant who was then taken to Western Police Station. Shortly afterwards other Communist trucks were driven up and blocked the main road outside the police station, while a crowd of about 300, some wearing Mao badges, having formed up outside the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. Gowdown, demonstrated outside the Police Station and assaulted a Press photographer. They were dispersed with the firing of 12cs gas cartridges and 20 baton shells, and the streets were cleared by 12.03 p.m. Seven men were arrest. At 12.30 p.m. a crowd of 150 onlookers gathered outside the Magistracy next door to the police station, but dispersed peacefully at 12.50 p.m.

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Sir D. Trench

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From the Governor, Hong Kong

To the Secretary of State for the Colonies No. 58

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Date 11th January 1968

My Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

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Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

My Saving Despatch No.15 of 4.1.1968. refers.

I enclose two copies of the report for the week ending 10th January 1968.

There are at present 47 persons held in detention; 34 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance, and 13 under Emergency Regulations.

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EMERGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT

WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1968.

A. POLICE REPORT

		3/10th Jan	Total since 11th May 1967
1. CASUALTIES (bomb casualties in brackets)			
Police	killed	-	10 (2)
	injured	-	212 (74)
Military	killed	-	1(1)
	injured	-	29(22)
Other uniformed services			
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TOTAL	killed	-	51 (15)
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2. DAMAGE

(a) Property

Government Buildings	-	49
Banks	-	24
Cinemas/Theatres	-	6
Other Buildings	-	42
Parking Meters	24	2626

(b) Vehicles

Government (inc.Police)	-	23
Buses	-	38
Trams	-	7
Taxis	-	24
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Other Vehicles	-	66

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Inflammatory Posters	6	215
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Hoax	-	45
Explosive offences	2	35
Other offences	3	331
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In prison	887	1482

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ADDRESSED PEKING TELEGRAM NO. 24 OF 17TH JANUARY 1968.

WEEKLY ASSESSMENT AS AT 150600.

1. MAIN EVENTS:-

(A) NO TRUE AND ONLY FIVE 'HOAX' BOMBS.

(B) UNION MEETINGS TO STUDY MAO'S THOUGHTS, DISCUSS WAGE DEMANDS AND CONDEMN GOVERNMENT CONTINUE. SMALL ORDERLY DEPUTATIONS HAVE CALLED ON TWO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO PROTEST AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT, SALINITY DEVALUATION AND ILL TREATMENT OF PRISONERS. ONE MILITANT UNION HAS DECIDED TO DEMAND THE RELEASE OF CONVICTED UNION MEMBERS AND PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF A UNION OFFICIAL DURING A STRONGLY RESISTED POLICE RAID ON ITS PREMISES IN JULY, 1967.

(C) DISTRIBUTION OF 'FRESH' WATER BY COMMUNISTS IN THE STREETS AS PART OF THE ANTI-SALINITY CAMPAIGN ATTRACTING LITTLE PUBLIC ATTENTION.

(D) MAIN THEMES IN COMMUNIST PRESS ATTACKS HAVE BEEN SQUATTER CLEARANCE POLICY, ILL TREATMENT OF PRISONERS AND DEVALUATION. THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS AND COMPLIANCE WITH ALL CONFRONTATION DEMANDS HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR. PAPERS ARE STARTING AN ECONOMY CAMPAIGN HAVING BEEN TOLD THAT THEIR SUBSIDIES FROM CHINA ARE TO BE CUT BY 50%.

(E) SPORADIC STONE AND BOTTLE THROWING HAS CONTINUED ON THE BORDER AND IN SHA TAU KOK. WORK ON THE FENCE WAS SUSPENDED FROM 9-11 JANUARY AS A RESULT AND A PROTEST LODGED WITH THE LOCAL NCNA OFFICE. SMALL NUMBERS OF CT RESIDENTS WERE RESPONSIBLE BUT THERE WERE NO ORGANISED PARTIES.

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2. THE POLICE ARE GRADUALLY REVERTING TO NORMAL DUTIES. EIGHT MINOR COMMUNIST SCHOOLS WERE INSPECTED BY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. MAO QUOTATIONS WERE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AND THERE WAS CHANTING BUT NO INFLAMMATORY MATERIAL WAS SEEN. PARENTS AND TEACHERS PROTESTED AGAINST 'PERSECUTION' BUT THERE WAS NOT THE SAME DEGREE OF HOSTILITY AS WAS DISPLAYED IN THE MAJOR SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER LAST YEAR. THE COMMUNIST PRESS HAS NOT COMMENTED SO FAR.

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Hong Kong telegram No. 80 to Commonwealth Office

3. A FORTNIGHT'S AMNESTY FOR THOSE HANDING IN WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES OR FIREWORKS CAME INTO EFFECT ON 15TH JANUARY. THE RIGHT WING AND NEUTRAL PRESS AND GENERAL OPINION WELCOMED THIS BUT THE COMMUNISTS PAPERS, APART FROM CONDEMNING THE PLAN AS 'RIDICULOUS', HAVE MADE ONLY BRIEF REFERENCES.

4. REPORTS FROM SEVERAL RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE IMPRESSION IS GROWING IN LOCAL COMMUNIST CIRCLES THAT PEKING HAS ORDERED AN END TO VIOLENCE BECAUSE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TALKS ON CONFRONTATION OR BECAUSE SUCH TALKS ARE IN PROGRESS BETWEEN YOURSELF AND THE CPG AND THE BRITISH ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE CONSIDERABLE CONCESSIONS INCLUDING THE RELEASE OF CONFRONTATION PRISONERS AND A CURB ON KMT ACTIVITIES. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS REFLECTS A GENUINE BELIEF OR THE PROPAGANDA LINE TO EXPLAIN THE CURRENT SITUATION. THERE ARE OBVIOUS DANGERS, NOT THE LEAST BEING THE REACTION OF THE MORE MILITANT LOCAL ELEMENTS IF IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT NO MAJOR CONCESSIONS ARE BEING MADE.

5. REPORTS AVAILABLE IN HK INDICATE THAT THE PLA IN KWANGTUNG IS CARRYING OUT ITS DIFFICULT TASK EFFICIENTLY, BUT THE THREAT TO HONG KONG FROM DISTURBED CONDITIONS THERE REMAINS .

6. FURTHER ECONOMY MEASURES AIMED AT CONSERVING FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND EFFECTING OTHER CPG CONCERNS MAY FOLLOW THE CUT IN SUSIDIES TO THE PRESS. EVENTS INDICATE THAT, ALTHOUGH THE POLICY OF NON VIOLENCE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, THE LOCAL COMMUNISTS DO NOT INTEND TO ABANDON THEIR OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT SEMICOLON PEACEFUL 'DEMONSTRATIONS' AIMED AT ATTRACTING MAXIMUM PUBLICITY MUST BE EXPECTED TO INCREASE.

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HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

Telegram No. 65 13 January, 1968

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Addressed to Peking telegram No. 19 of 13 January, Repeated for information to Commonwealth Office

At the opening of the Supreme Court Assizes on 11 January, the Attorney General publicly announced that as from midnight on Sunday, 14 January there would be an amnesty lasting for two weeks until midnight on Sunday, 28 January. Under this any person may report to the police or hand in to a police station any explosive substance or mechanism or any arms, ammunition, offensive weapon or firecrackers in his possession or control without being subject to prosecution, to an Order of Detention or to any legal proceedings at the instance of the Government in respect of his possession of them. The immunity thus granted would not, however, extend to any offences which may have been committed earlier by the use of the articles handed in.

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Date 4th January, 1968.

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Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

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My Saving Despatch No.1501 of 10th August 1967.

I enclose two copies of the report for the week ending 3rd January, 1968.

There are at present 46 persons held in detention, 34 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance, and 12 under Emergency Regulations.

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EMERGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT

WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, 3RD, JANUARY, 1967.

A. POLICE REPORT

			28 Dec/ 3rd Jan.	Total since 11th May
1. CASUALTIES (bomb casualties in brackets)				
Police	killed	-		10 (2)
	injured	-		212)74)
Military	killed	-		1 (1)
	injured	-		29 (22)
Other uniformed Services	killed	-		1 (1)
	injured	-		6 (6)
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(a) Property		
Government Buildings	-	49
Banks	-	24
Cinemas/Theatres	-	6
Other Buildings	-	42
Parking Meters	-	2602
(b) Vehicles		
Government (incl.Police)	-	23
Buses	-	38
Trams	-	7
Taxis	-	24
Public Cars	-	6
Other Vehicles	-	66

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HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

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Addressed to Peking telegram No. 6 of 4 January, Repeated for information to Commonwealth Office.

(664) My telegram No. 3. [? 12 to Commonwealth Office]

You will be amused to learn that the Communist Press here this morning again referred to the Kuomintang sponsored story that we intend to deport three film workers to Taiwan.

Sir D. Trench.

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The Hong Kong Daily News, a small Right Wing newspaper, reported on 28 December that there were plans to deport two Communist film actors now under detention, Fu Chi and Shin Hui, to Taiwan. On 30 December Communist newspapers reproduced the story adding that a director of the Phoenix Film Company (Jen-i-chih) who is also under detention was on hunger strike in protest against a similar threat of deportation.

2. There is no truth in any of these allegations. It looks as if the local Communists have swallowed a piece of Kuomintang propaganda whole.

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For CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ.

Sitrep 1 Jan 68.

1. Hong Kong. Situation continues quiet with marked decrease in bomb incidents. Only 4 true and 36 hoax and false reported for week 22 to 29 Dec.

2. Task Force 318 in Gulf of Aden at 24 hours notice for Monitor.

3. Deployments.

A. Navy. MINERVA left Station 31 Dec for UK.

B. Air. 48 Sqn now up to strength of 12 with arrival of last 4 Hercules 31 Dec

4. Happy New Year.

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Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

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My Saving Despatch No.1501 of 10th August refers. I enclose two copies of the report for the week ending 27th December, 1967.

2. In addition to the 903 persons convicted and held in prison, there were 46 persons detained in police custody, 34 under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance and 12 under Emergency Regulations.

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EMERGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT

WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, 1967.

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Hoax	1	44
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Other offences	-	325
TOTAL:	5	1925
In Prison	903	1466

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TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

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SECRET ADDRESSED PEKING TELEGRAM 678 OF 27 DECEMBER.

FOLLOWING FROM LIC.

WEEKLY ASSESSMENT AS AT 25 0600.

MAIN EVENTS:-

(A) A MARKED REDUCTION IN BOMB REPORTS (14 HOAX AND 8 GENUINE BUT NO EXPLOSIONS).

(B) TWO MINOR STONING INCIDENTS ON THE BORDER, THE FIRST OF WHICH LASTED ONE HOUR AND RESULTED IN A TEMPORARY HALT ON WORK ON THE PRIMARY FENCE.

(C) PRESS CAMPAIGN ON SALINITY AND DEVALUATION HAS TONED DOWN SLIGHTLY. CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY WAS GIVEN TO LARGE UNION MEETINGS EMPHASISING THE NEED FOR WAGE INCREASES. ALLEGATION OF ILL TREATMENT OF COMMUNISTS IN PRISON AND CRITICISMS OF SQUATTER CLEARANCE WERE ALSO GIVEN PROMINENCE FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

(D) FURTHER MEETINGS OF MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST ORGANISATIONS PARTICULARLY UNIONS, TO PROPAGATE MAO'S THOUGHTS AND CRITICISE GOVERNMENT ON THE SAME LINES AS THE PRESS. AT ONE LARGE MEETING, UNEMPLOYED UNION MEMBERS WERE INSTRUCTED TO VISIT THE HOMES OF EMPLOYED WORKERS AND ENCOURAGE DEMANDS FOR WAGE INCREASES.

(E) POLICE DISCOVERED A BIVOUAC IN N.T. AND SEIZED A NUMBER OF GELIGNITE BOMBS, DETONATORS, SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION AND A SMALL PRINTING PRESS.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNIST PRESS HAVE AGREED TO GIVE PROMINENCE TO MAO'S THOUGHTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE MIDDLE AND

PROMINENCE TO MAO'S THOUGHTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE MIDDLE AND LOWER CLASSES RATHER THAN TO CONFRONTATION IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE CIRCULATION. ONE LEADING PAPER HAS STARTED AN ECONOMY DRIVE SINCE THE C.P.G. HAS REFUSED TO PAY MORE THAN HALF OF ITS DEFICIT OF DOLLARS 300,000 OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

3. SEVERAL LEADING COMMUNIST FILM PERSONALITIES, VISITING CANTON BETWEEN 15 AND 18 DECEMBER, ATTENDED A MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWANGTUNG PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE AND WERE TOLD THAT THE STRUGGLE HERE SHOULD CONTINUE BY POLITICAL MEANS. ON THEIR RETURN, THEY WERE TOLD BY A LOCAL NCNA OFFICIAL THAT THE USE OF VIOLENCE WAS INCORRECT AND HAD RESULTED IN MISTAKES, AND WERE INSTRUCTED TO USE THEIR CULTURAL INFLUENCE TO PROPAGATE MAO'S THOUGHTS WITH THE AIM OF INDOCTRINATING THE HONG KONG PUBLIC. THIS INSTRUCTION HAS BEEN CIRCULATED WITHIN FILM CIRCLES WHERE THE SUDDEN CHANGE OF POLICY HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION.

4. THERE ARE NOW CLEAR INDICATIONS THAT PEKING HAS ORDERED A MAJOR POLICY CHANGE. INTENSIFIED INDOCTRINATION AND UNITED FRONT ACTIVITIES AIMED AT WINNING OVER A BROADER SECTION OF THE PUBLIC CAN BE EXPECTED. THE BEWILDERMENT REPORTED IN FILM CIRCLES IS LIKELY TO BE REFLECTED ELSEWHERE, BUT THE MAJORITY OF COMMUNISTS IS EXPECTED TO ACCEPT THE NEW LINE ALTHOUGH SOME MILITANTS MAY IGNORE IT. ISOLATED CASES OF VIOLENCE MAY, THEREFORE, RECUR FOR SOME TIME. ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA WILL PROBABLY REMAIN AT A HIGH PITCH DESPITE THE CHANGE IN POLICY BY THE NEWSPAPERS. THESE MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO WIN BACK THE READERSHIP THEY HAVE LOST BECAUSE OF THEIR VIRULENT AND PATENTLY FALSE PROPAGANDA IN RECENT MONTHS.

FO PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATE PEKING AS MY TELNO 678. (Repeated as requested)

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HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (D.T.D.)

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Press.

271700. Attention Glover.

Christmas holidays in Hong Kong passed without incident and in festive mood amidst reports that local Communists are putting an end to their violence on instructions from Peking authorities.

According to non-Communist Chinese daily newspaper Express (Fai Po) moderate faction of Hong Kong Communists have decided to follow instructions of authorities in Peking to put an end to their violent activities in Hong Kong.

Paper was quoting a "reliable source"

Ends Informs.

Sir D. Trench

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IMMEDIATE HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (DTD)

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Telno 1911 26 December 1967

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Addressed to Commonwealth Office telegram No. 1911 of 26 December.
Repeated for information to POLAD Singapore, Washington and Canberra.

For Commonwealth Office and Cabinet Office for J.I.C.

Following from LIC.

Weekly assessment of the situation as at 25 December, 0600 hours follows in two parts (part 1 only for Canberra).

Part 1.

The principal features of the Communist confrontation during this period have been:-

(a) A marked reduction in the number of bombs reported. 14 hoax and 8 genuine devices came to notice, 2 of the latter being found at the Exhibition of Hong Kong Products on 20 December. There were no explosions.

(b) The continued calm of the border area broken on 21 December by a small group of children and adults in Chinese territory who threw stones at British military personnel repairing the border primary fence. Intermittent stoning continued for one hour and caused temporary discontinuation of repairs. There were no injuries and no action was taken by P.L.A. in the vicinity. There was a further minor incident involving children on 23 December. However, an unconfirmed report received on 22 December states that additional P.L.A. personnel have now been deployed in the Lo Wu area, Chinese territory to prevent village children approaching the border fence to throw stones into British territory.

(c) Continued anti-British propaganda in the Communist Press which has again concentrated on the salinity of the water supply and the effects of devaluation. These reports toned down slightly during the week but considerable publicity was given to a large meeting of members of Unions of Government servants (most of whom are now unemployed) during which the need for increased wages was emphasised. After a lapse of several weeks, publicity was again given to alleged ill-treatment of Communists in prison and critisism of governments squatter clearance policy.

(d) Further meetings by members of many Communist organisations, particularly Unions, to propagate Mao's thoughts during which criticism of government for salinity and devaluation was supplemented by demands for a general wage increase campaign. At one large meeting, unemployed Union members were instructed to visit the homes of employed workers to encourage them to demand wage increases

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2. Limited police action in connection with bomb incidents has continued and on 21 December, a police operation in the New Territories discovered a bivouac at which a number of gelignite bombs detonators, small arms ammunition, British army battledress and a small printing Press were seized. Two youths have been detained for enquiries.

3. At a recent meeting of the representatives of local Communist newspapers, it was agreed that, in an effort to increase circulation, news concerning confrontation should no longer be given front page publicity and that, instead, prominence would be given to Mao's thoughts and news of interest to the middle and working classes. One leading Communist newspaper has started an economy drive following a refusal by the CPG to pay more than half the 300,000 dollars this newspaper has lost over the past few months.

4. During a visit to Canton between 15 and 18 December, a number of senior local Communist film personalities attended a meeting at the Canton military district headquarters presided over by the Vice-Chairman of the Kwangtung provincial support committee at which the visitors were informed that the struggle in Hong Kong should continue by peaceful political means. At a meeting held on the day following their return to the Colony, they were instructed by an official of the Hong Kong office of the New China News Agency (NCNA) that the use of violence in the confrontation with the Hong Kong Government was not correct, and that compatriots had committed mistakes in resorting to the use of force. The official stressed that those present should use their cultural influence to propagate the thoughts of Mao with the aim of indoctrinating the people of Hong Kong. The context of this speech has since been c circulated to others working in Communist film circles where there is, apparently, considerable confusion over this sudden change in policy.

5. There are now clear indications that, as a result of instructions from China, there has been a major policy change by the local Communists. This should result in the eventual disappearance of violence but anti-Government propaganda will no doubt continue at a high pitch. This change of policy will probably lead to intensified indoctrination and United Front activities in an attempt to win over a broader section of the population. The blunt admission by an official of the N.C.N.A. to a meeting of film workers that the whole concept of the use of force during confrontation was wrong, indicates that the Communist leaders are anxious to ensure that the new policy is complied with immediately. It is likely that the resulting bewilderment amongst the lower ranks in film circles will be repeated in other spheres of Communist influence, but it is considered that the majority will accept the "party line". However, some militants may ignore the instructions and isolated incidents of violence may continue to occur for some time. Agreement amongst the major Communist newspapers to play down confrontation news is a further indication of an attempt to return to more settled conditions, although, of course, the need to off-set the losses they have incurred in recent months must also be a major factor. However, it is felt that it will not be easy for these newspapers to win back the readership they have lost

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due to their virulent and at times patently false propaganda in recent months.

Foreign Office please pass Priority to Washington as my telegram No. 415 and Canberra as my telegram No. 159.

Sir D. Trench [Transmitted to Cabinet Office and repeated as requested]

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From the Governor, Hong Kong

To the Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs No. 696

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Date 22nd December, 1967.

My Reference CR 45/3341/64. Your Reference .....

Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

My Saving Despatch No.1501 of 10th August refers. 279

I enclose two copies of the report for the week ending 20th Decem ber, 1967.

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EMERGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT

WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1967.

A. POLICE REPORT

		14/20th Dec.	7/13th Dec.	Total since 11th May
1. CASUALTIES (bomb casualties in brackets)				
Police	killed	-	1	10 (2)
	injured	-	-	212 (74)
Military	killed	-	-	1 (1)
	injured	-	-	29 (22)
Other uniformed Services	killed	-	-	1 (1)
	injured	-	2	6 (6)
Civilians	killed	-	-	39 (11)
	injured	-	11	585 (238)
TOTAL:	killed	-	1	51 (15)
	injured	-	21	832 (340)

2. DAMAGE

(a) Property			
Government Buildings	-	-	49
Banks	-	-	24
Cinemas/Theatres	-	-	6
Other Buildings	-	-	42
Parking Meters	5	1	2602
(b) Vehicles			
Government (inc. Police)	-	-	23
Buses	-	-	38
Trams	-	-	7
Taxis	-	-	24
Public Cars	-	-	6
Other vehicles	-	-	66

	14/20th Dec.	7/13th Dec.	Total since 11th May
3. BOMBS			
Reports	101	194	8279
False Alarms/Hoaxes	89	177	6867
Explosions	-	3	253
Bombs Detonated	12	17	1159
Bombs found by Police search	-	-	123
Explosives recovered (sticks) Gelignite	-	-	164
Dynamite	4	-	564
4. CONVICTIONS			
Riot	-	-	318
Unlawful Assembly	-	-	465
Breach of Curfew	-	-	232
Inflammatory Speeches	-	-	80
Inflammatory Posters	7	13	206
Intimidation	-	-	185
Possession of bombs: Real	-	2	34
Hoax	2	1	43
Explosives offences	-	-	32
Other offences	5	6	325
TOTAL:	14	12	1920
In Prison	922	921	1461

B. FOOD REPORT

WEEK ENDING 20TH DECEMBER

	Supply	% of last year	Average Retail Price $/Catty	Normal Price
Swine (Nos)	38,570	85%	3.40	3.20
Cattle (Nos)	4,265	85%	4.00	3.80
Vegetables (Piculs)	115,396	95%	.62	.45
Fish (Piculs) Marine	29,189	139%	2.00	1.60
Fresh	8,200	71%	2.80	2.40
Rice (Stock in tons)	86,300	125%	.80	.80

C. TRANSPORT REPORT

WEEK ENDING18TH DECEMBER

Kowloon Motor Bus Co.	508	1,417,389	75.9%
China Motor Bus Co.	315	474,635	83.3%
H.K. Tramways	156 + 22	409,819	85.5%
K.C.R. Wagons from China	508	*	57%
River Boats from China	175	14,256	43%

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HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (D.T.D.)

Telegram Unnumbered 21 December, 1967

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212130 Attention Glover.

Police searched hillsides in area of San Liu village in Sai Kung today 21 December, resulting in discovery of a shelter believed to be the hideout of a group of local Communist troublemakers.

The hideout was in form of strong canvas tent. It was so well camouflaged with straw and tree branches that it could hardly be noticed by helicopter from the air.

Found in the tent were three powerful homemade gelignite bombs, 21 rounds of live .303 rifle ammunition, 22 ordinary detonators, 12 homemade electric detonators, 7 British Army battle-dress blouses, one stencil and equipment for printing bulletin of the group and some documents together with some samples of the bulletin.

An exploded homemade parachute bomb was also found outside tent.

The search which lasted six hours and ended at 4 p.m. today was conducted by party of nine plain clothes police officers including Superintendent D.J. Bryan, Inspector J. Bagley and Inspector Charles Lee who disguised themselves as picnickers.

Two young men were found in vicinity during the search and taken to police station for questioning. They are now assisting police in their enquiries.

Two of three gelignite bombs found were later detonated by Army ammunition experts on spot. When exploded they blew some covering padding fifty yards up the hillside and caused big hole on ground.

Other gelignite bomb was dismantled and found to have contained gelignite and iron nails.

End. Informs.

Sir D. Trench

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IMMEDIATE HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (D.T.D.)

Telno 1891 20 December 1967

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Addressed to Commonwealth Office telegram No. 1891 of 20 December. Repeated for information to POLAD Singapore.

For Commonwealth Office and Cabinet Office for JIC.

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My telegram No. 1876. Updating assessment as at 201200.

The Communist drive to initiate and seek to gain credit for wage increases is a tactical development in their campaign to exploit real and imagined grievances which needs to be carefully watched.

Sir D. Trench

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PRIORITY HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

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Telno 1887 20 December 1967

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Following from L.I.C.

Weekly assessment as at 180600.

Main features were:-

(a) Further decrease in bombs (18 real and 83 hoax).

(b) Continued political indoctrination and anti-Government activities in main Communist schools. 240 out of 300 pupils from the Chung Wah School now attending lessons in three other Communist schools.

(c) Emphasis in Union meetings placed on encouraging other workers to join Communist stoppages and to claim increases. Salinity of water and devaluation still major interests.

(d) Communist Press continues to ignore bomb incidents and there has been no encouragement of acts of violence. Salinity and devaluation have been the main topics.

(e) Border area has remained quiet with one stone throwing incident in Sha Tau Kok and a short political indoctrination meeting by C.T. farmers inside B.T. at Man Kam To. Work on the primary and secondary fences continued without interference.

2. The police have charged the man wounded in the New Territories shooting incident (my telegram 661 paragraph 1(b) refers) with murder and have identified the other attacker. Five other men are being detained for questioning. The group responsible for this incident was also involved in a previous seizure of a revolver from a policeman in the N.T. Another bomb planting group in N.T. has been identified.

3. It is clear that the Communist Labour Movement intends to exploit devaluation by initiating wage claims, but Union organisation and support both need strengthening before this plan can be put fully into effect. All but one of the main Communist teachers are still in China. The fact that the Communist Press has continued to ignore bomb incidents may possibly be discouraging the local militants, thus contributing to the marked decrease in the number of incidents.

Foreign Office please pass Peking 667.

Sir D. Trench

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From the Governor, Hong Kong

To the Secretary of State for the Commonwealth Affairs ~~Colonies~~ No. 640

Repeated to:— No.

Repeated to:— No.

Date 18th December, 1967.

My Reference CR 45/3341/64 Your Reference

Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

(378)

My Saving Despatch No.1501 of 10th August refers.

I enclose two copies of the report for the week ending 13th December, 1967.

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21 DEC 1967 COMMONWEALTH OFFICE DESPATCH DIVISION

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EMERGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT

WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1967.

A. POLICE REPORT

		Week 7/13th Dec.	Week 23 Nov/ 6th Dec.	Total since 11th May
1. CASUALTIES (bomb casualties in brackets)				
Police	Killed	1	-	10 (2)
	Injured	-	6	212 (74)
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Parking Meters		1	16	2597
(b) Vehicles				
Government (inc.Police)		-	-	23
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Trams		-	-	7
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Hoax	1	4	41
Explosive offences	-	2	32
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B. FOOD REPORT

WEEK ENDING 13TH DECEMBER

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Fish (piculs) Marine	25,231	120%	2.40	1.60
Fresh	8,750	75%	2.80	2.40
Rice (stock in tons)	91,900	130%	.80	.80

C. TRANSPORT REPORT

Kowloon Motor Bus Co.	495	1,409,843	75%
China Motor Bus Co.	313	477,583	83.9%
H.K. Tramways	156 + 22	407,598	85%
K.C.R. Wagons	653	*	80%
River Boats	183	16,001	57%

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IMMEDIATE HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (DTD)

Telno 1876 18 December 1967

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Addressed to Commonwealth Office telegram No. 1877 of 18 December. Repeated for information to POLAD Singapore, Washington and Canberra.

For Commonwealth Office and Cabinet Office for JIC.

Following from LIC.

Weekly assessment of the situation as at 18 December 0600 hours follows in two parts (part one only for Canberra).

Part 1.

The principal features of the Communist confrontation during this period have been:-

(a) A further reduction in the use of true bombs and a marked decrease in the planting of hoax bombs. 83 hoax and 16 genuine bombs came to notice, one of which exploded in a public telephone kiosk but caused no injury or damage.

(b) The continuation of political indoctrination including the teaching of Mao's thoughts and also anti-Government activities in Communist controlled schools. However, students at one school, where science classes have been devoted recently to the study of Mao's works, have requested the re-introduction of science subjects. About 240 of the 300 students of the Chuang Wah middle school have resumed lessons on the premises of three other Communist schools.

(c) Further Communist Union meetings at which criticism of Government for supplying salinated water and devaluing the local currency, and the study of Mao's works has continued. Emphasis was placed on the need to encourage workers to join the Communist work stoppages or demand wage increases from employers and a number of Unions are conducting surveys of the effect of devaluation on their members. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Trade Unions, it was decided to hold an exhibition of Mao's works and two mass "study group" meetings in the near future.

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(d) Continued anti-British propaganda in the local Communist Press with the same main themes of salinity of water and the effects of devaluation. Bomb incidents have been ignored and there has been no overt encouragement for acts of violence.

(e) The comparative quiet of the Border area, broken only by two minor incidents, one on 14 December at Sha Tau Kok when there were two broadcasts from Chinese territory calling on police officers to defect, followed a single

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volley of stones at buildings in British territory from a small group of armed militiamen and villagers in CT which caused no injury or damage: the second on the following day when a group of labourers from CT held a short meeting inside BT at Man Kam To during which they displayed a portrait of Mao and sang songs. The repair of the primary fence and removal of the secondary fence continued without interference.

2. Limited police action has continued mainly in connection with bomb planting: a number of young students from Communist controlled schools have been arrested for possession of inflammatory posters. The man who was shot and injured during the attack on two police constables on 9 December has been charged with murder, and the other attacker has been identified. It has been established that the group responsible for this attack was also involved in at least one other seizure of arms from a police officer in the new territories. Five members of the group are detained and investigations are continuing to identify members of a similar group who are believed to have been involved in bomb incidents in the area. All of those arrested in this case are local Communists who are associated either through their employment as masons or through residence in the Un Long area of the NT.

3. It is clear that the Communist labour movement intends to exploit devaluation by initiating a series of wage claims. To achieve this, union organisation will have to be strengthened and an overt control structure re-established, which will entail either the reappearance of a number of the union leaders who are in hiding or their substitution by new figures. The mounting of a campaign of this nature may indicate that the Communist labour leaders are preparing for a return to more normal conditions. Any success achieved will, undoubtedly, be ascribed to the works of Mao and in this context, the exhibition and mass study meetings to be held at the FTU Worker's Club, are clearly part of the current attempt to consolidate support within Communist labour circles. Attendance at these functions will also provide the FTU with an opportunity to assess the present strength of the Communist labour movement.

4. Apart from the senior NCNA official who returned to Hong Kong on 7 December, the local Communist leaders who visited China at the end of October are still absent. It is significant that although continuing to publish strong anti-Government propaganda, the Communist newspapers are still ignoring bomb incidents. Although genuine bombs appear from time to time, the number of hoax bombs has decreased sharply, and the lack of approbation in the Communist Press may now be discouraging some of the local militants.

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Hong Kong telegram No. 1876 to Commonwealth Office

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IMMEDIATE HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (D.T.D.)

Telno 1869 14 December 1967

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For Commonwealth Office and Cabinet Office for J.I.C.

Following from L.I.C.

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HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (D.T.D.)

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Attention Glover.

Sitrep.

Hong Kong passed a quiet day without any incident.

Up to five p.m. today only one bomb was found in Colony despite seven reports of suspicious objects received by police. It was disposed of by ammunition expert.

Ends Informs.

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From the Governor, Hong Kong

To the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs ~~for the Colonies~~ No. 631

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Date 9th December, 1967.

Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

My Saving Despatch No.1501 of 10th August refers. 379

I enclose two copies of the report for the week ending 6th December, 1967.

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EMERGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT

WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1967

A. POLICE REPORT

		Week 23 Nov/ 6th Dec.	Week 22/29 Nov.	Total since 11th May
1. CASUALTIES (bomb casualties in brackets)				
Police	killed	-	1	9 (2)
	injured	6	10	212 (74)
Military	killed	-	-	1 (1)
	injured	3	-	29 (22)
Other uniformed Services	killed	-	-	1 (1)
	injured	-	2	6 (6)
Civilians	killed	-	-	39 (11)
	injured	2	11	584 (236)
TOTAL	killed	-	1	50 (15)
	injured	11	21	831 (338)
2. DAMAGE				
(a) Property				
Government Buildings		1	3	49
Banks		-	-	24
Cinemas/Theatres		-	-	6
Other Buildings		-	-	41
Parking Meters		16	-	2596
(b) Vehicles				
Government (inc.Police)		-	-	23
Buses		-	-	38
Trams		-	-	7
Taxis		-	-	24
Public Cars		-	-	6
Other Vehicles		-	-	66

	23 Nov/ 6th Dec	23/29th Nov.	Total since 11th May
3. BOMBS			
Reports	408	355	7984
False Alarms/Hoaxes	362	311	6601
Explosions	5	13	250
Bombs detonated	38	31	1130
Bombs found by Police search	1	-	123
Explosives recovered (sticks) Gelignite	-	16	164
Dynamite	-	-	562
4. CONVICTIONS			
Riot	-	-	318
Unlawful Assembly	3	-	465
Breach of Curfew	-	-	232
Inflammatory Speeches	1	-	80
Inflammatory Posters	10	4	196
Intimidation	2	24	185
Possession of bombs: Real	3	5	32
Hoax	4	1	40
Explosiv offences	2	1	32
Other Offences	3	15	314
TOTAL	27	51	1894
In prison	933	935	1442

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d. STAFF POSITION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND UTILITY COMPANIES

	Strength prior to disturbances	No. dismissed after Strike	Number Reinstated	New Employees	Present Strength	Percentage of pre-disturbance total
Star Ferry	590	590	389	69	456	77%
Hong Kong & Yamati Ferry	1,885	115	10	79	1,828	97%
Hong Kong Tramways	1,713	679	2	770	1,522	89% *
China Motor Bus Co.	2,360	1,273	80	677	1,756	74%
Kowloon Motor Bus Co.	7,194	4,907	801	1,572	4,506	63%
Hong Kong Electric Co.	978	148	12	89	883	90% *
China Light & Power	2,745	709	52	483	2,567	94% *
Hong Kong & China Gas	548	334	170	66	407	74% *

* These firms are virtually up to strength as re-organised.

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C. TRANSPORT REPORT

	Buses 4th Dec	Passenge s daily average 28/11 7/12	Buses 27/11	Passengers 21/27 Nov	Passengers pre-disturbance daily average	Percentage of pre-disturbance total
Kowloon Motor Bus Co.	474	1,358,172	457	1,364,466	1,868,369	72%
China Motor Bus Co.	301	470,526	304	459,652	569,488	82.6%
Hong Kong Tramways	156 + 22	418,293	156 + 22	414,527	479,544	87.2%

	Week ending 4th Dec.	21/27 Nov.			1966	% of last year
K.C.R. Wagons	539	706			813	66%
River Boats	157	180			345	45%

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B. FOOD REPORT

WEEK ENDING 6th DECEMBER

	Supply	% of last year	Average Retail Price $/catty	Normal Price
Swine (Nos)	34,617	81%	3.40	3.20
Cattle (Nos)	3,829	80%	4.00	3.80
Vegetables (piculs)	104,320	95%	.59	.45
Fish (piculs)				
Marine	25,728	125%	2.00	1.60
Dewah	7,790	80%	2.60	2.40
Rice	90,800	128%	.80	.80

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Addressed to Peking telegram No.661 of 12 December.

Weekly assessment as at 11 0600 December.

Main features were:-

(a) A further decrease in the use of time bombs and continued selectivity in choice of targets. 23 genuine and 230 hoax bombs reported.

(b) Two beat duty constables were attacked in the new territories by two males, one armed. One constable was shot dead and his revolver stolen, his assailant escaping. The other constable shot and wounded the other man who was captured.

(c) Denunciation meetings continue in the leading Communist schools which also held a one day 'strike' on 6 December.

(d) Union 'Study Group' meetings continued to attack devaluation and salinity of water.

(e) Daily stone throwing incidents at Sha Tau Kom with occasional use of air guns probably incited by wanted men from S.T.K. (B.T.). C.C.A. have not interfered in minor incidents but dispersed a gathering of twenty males near the border. Work has recommenced on removing the secondary and repairing the primary fences without incident.

(f) Press attacks concentrated on devaluation and salinity. Since 8 December bomb incidents have been ignored and only one paper has referred to the murder of the policeman.

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2. Twenty persons arrested in connection with the policeman's murder included two former Communist guerillas in world War II. There is no clear evidence whether or not they were operating on their own initiative.

3. The simultaneous adoption by unions of the twin themes of salinity and devaluation gives the impression that some centralised measure of control over unions is now being reasserted. The themes are in line with reported Communist intention to exploit alleged social and economic grievances to win wider support. There are indications of reluctance to provoke government into taking further action against schools.

/4. The change

4. The change of attitude in the Communist Press towards violent acts has been evident since the return from China on 7 December of a senior NCNA official who may have brought instructions to stop emphasising violence. If this line is continued local militants may be deterred but time and perhaps positive action will be needed to stop violence altogether.

F.O. please pass Peking 661.

Sir D. Trench

[Repetition to Peking referred for departmental decision]

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Addressed to C.O. telegram No. 1854 of 11 December.
Repeated for information to: Singapore Washington
Canberra.

For Commonwealth Office and Cabinet Office for JIC.

Following from LIC.

Weekly assessment of the situation as at 11 December, 0600 hours follows in two parts (Part 1 only for Canberra).

Part 1.

The principal features of the Communist confrontation during this period have been:-

(a) a further decrease in the use of true bombs with continued selectivity in the choice of targets. 23 genuine, of which 3 exploded, and 230 'hoax' bombs came to notice. A small bomb was thrown into a police station compound and a 'booby trap device' damaged a car in which a magistrate was leaving his home. Another explosion damaged a rediffusion sub-station. No injuries were caused by these incidents.

(b) An attack on two beat duty constables by two males, one of whom was armed. One constable was shot dead by his assailant who then stole his revolver and made good his escape. The second assailant was shot by the constable he attacked and is now detained in hospital.

(c) Further 'denunciation' meetings held in all leading Communist schools condemning the closure of Chung Wah School. On 6 December, leading Communist schools stopped lessons for the day in protest against Government persecution. Students of the Chung Wah School will resume lessons on the premises of three other Communist schools on 11 December.

(d) Further 'study group' meetings at many Communist Unions during which Government continued to be the target of criticism on the subjects of devaluation and salinity of the water supply.

(e) The continued daily incidents at Sha Tau Kok in which youths in Chinese territory threw stones and occasionally fired air gun pellets at the military post in British territory. No injuries or damage were caused. Wanted men from Sha Tau Kok (BT) have appeared daily on CT encouraging stone throwers. CCA has made no attempt to curtail these minor incidents but on one occasion four soldiers dispersed a gathering of 25 males on CT near the border. Work recommenced on the removal of the secondary fence and the repair of the primary fence without further incident.

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(f) The continued anti-British propaganda in the Communist Press with alarmist reports concerning the supply of salinated water and allegations that Europeans in the peak area only receive fresh water. Prominence was given also to the effects of local devaluation. Both a statement issued by the Kwantung Provincial Support Committee denouncing Government, pledging support and demanding acceptance of the original confrontation demands, and the CPG protest were hailed prominently as further indications of support from China. However, since 8 December bomb incidents have been ignored, and apart from the Government release carried by an evening newspaper, there has been no mention of the murder of the police constable.

2. Police action continued against Communist targets mainly connected with bomb incidents. A number of persons were arrested for possession of 'hoax' bombs. Some twenty persons have been arrested in connection with enquiries into the murder of the ~~former~~ police constable on 9 December. These include two former members of a Communist guerilla unit, active in China during World War 2, one of whom is the Chairman of a Communist Stone Masons' Union.

3. The manner in which the two themes of salinity of the local water supply and the devaluation of the Hong Kong dollar were adopted simultaneously by so many Unions suggests that, although also a major theme in the Communist Press, some measure of control is being reasserted over activities in the labour field. These themes are, of course, in line with the Communists' long term aim of exploiting alleged social and economic grievances to win the support of a wide section of the public. The arrangements to re-open the Chung Wah School indicate that, at least overtly, the students will merge into the Communist schools providing the accommodation, apparently in an effort to avoid provoking Government into taking further action against education circles.

4. The involvement of former guerillas in the group believed to be responsible for the recent attacks on Police Officers could, of course, provide the training and experience necessary for this type of activity. Investigations are continuing, and so far there is nothing to indicate whether or not this group has been operating on its own initiative. The change of attitude in the Communist Press towards acts of violence, which has been apparent since the return to the colony, from China, of a senior new China News Agency official on 7 December, suggests that he may have brought instructions that emphasis should no longer be given to this aspect of confrontation. If this continues, it must have some deterrent effect on local militant Communists, but it will require some time, and perhaps more positive steps before there is any end to violence.

Foreign Office please pass Washington as my telegram No. 407 and Canberra as my telegram No. 153.

Sir D. Trench

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Tel[redacted]o 1845 9 December 1967

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Addressed to Peking telegram No. 658 of 9 December.
Repeated for information to Commonwealth Office.

Your telegram No. 162.

Facts are that at 2010 on 5 December a police party observed that traffic was being held up outside the Nanyang Theatre by two objects on the tram tracks. The area was cordoned off in the interests of safety and when the bomb disposal team arrived they dragged the objects off the tram tracks and away from the main road. The objects were then surrounded by sandbags and detonated. No damage of any description was caused to buildings, motor vehicles or persons. As it happens the place of detonation was near the Nanyang Theatre and the New China News Agency Building. The police report that there was no difficulty whatsoever in keeping the area clear of people and no incidents of any sort arose. No (repeat no) chemical mace was used. We are quite convinced therefore that this protest is entirely without foundation and is an attempt by certain local elements to create trouble for obvious reasons.

C.O. pass Priority Peking No. 658.

Sir D. Trench

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Your telegram No. 2455: Police Morale.

Following is C.P's assessment with which I agree:

(a) Bomb attacks have caused no lowering in morale especially amongst the more older and experienced officers, but there is of course a natural apprehension by their families as to their safety. The younger and newly joined rank and file may be somewhat more affected due to inexperience and pressure being brought to bear on them by their parents to leave the force and find safer work.

(b) In general the bomb attacks on the police have had the effect of 'closing the ranks'. However a rapid increase in police casualties and, a matter for even more concern, attacks on police families could have an adverse effect on morale. Combined with this we must not ignore the effect of the Communist Press or of any feelings which may be caused, rightly or wrongly, that Government is not taking a positive stand against the Communists.

(c) Working long additional hours over prolonged periods has so far been accepted by the police, especially where there has been positive action. As is to be expected however long periods of inactivity or lack of results can lead to a feeling of frustration, but this has not to date resulted in any noticeable lowering in morale.

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HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (DTD)

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Press

091330 Attention Glover.

A Police Constable was attacked and shot dead by two Chinese men at Kam Tin village in New Territories at about 11.40 a.m. today Saturday and his revolver stolen.

Another Police Constable fired a number of shots at attackers who escaped. A man was later arrested.

Police are now (repeat now) searching area.

Police and personnel carried out another search in New Territories this morning. Eleven people were detained for enquiries following swoop of Hok Tau (repeat Hok Tau) village and Ma Mei (repeat Ma Mei) village in two hour operation which began at 6.15 a.m. Ends Informs.

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ADDRESSED TO PEKING TELEGRAM NUMBER 1070 OF 8 DECEMBER REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO HONG KONG AND SAVING TO WASHINGTON AND H.C. SINGAPORE.

ON 7 DECEMBER NEWS DEPARTMENT CONFIRMED THAT YOU HAD BEEN SUMMONED TO RECEIVE A PROTEST ON 6 DECEMBER ABOUT EVENTS IN HONG KONG. THEY ALSO SAID THE FOLLOWING ON THE RECORD:

QUOTE MR. HOPSON REJECTED THE PROTEST AS BEING COMPLETELY AT VARIANCE WITH THE FACTS. AS MR. HOPSON POINTED OUT DURING THE INTERVIEW ON 6 DECEMBER, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ARE DETERMINED TO PROTECT THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG FROM ACTS OF TERRORISM AND TO GUARD THEIR SAFETY AND LIVELIHOOD. THE CHUNG HUA SCHOOL WAS CLOSED FOLLOWING AN EXPLOSION IN WHICH A CHILD TRYING TO MAKE A BOMB HAD HIS HAND BLOWN OFF. H.M. GOVERNMENT HAS STATED MANY TIMES THAT THEY WISH TO RESTORE NORMAL WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA, BUT THIS IS A TWO WAY PROCESS. UNQUOTE.

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JICTEL 887 DATED 7/12/67
FOR SECRETARY LIC (HK) FROM SECRETARY JIC
THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE WEEKLY SURVEY OF INTELLIGENCE DATED 7/12/67.
HONG KONG (SECRET)
1. BOMB INCIDENTS HAVE DECREASED. A COMMUNIST SCHOOL HAS BEEN CLOSED FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION THAT BOMBS WERE BEING MADE ON THE PREMISES. THE HEADMASTER, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ALL CIRCLES ANTI-PERSECUTION STRUGGLE COMMITTEE, HAS BEEN ARRESTED. FOUR OTHER COMMUNIST SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN SEARCHED, RESULTING IN THE DISCOVERY OF A NUMBER OF HOAX BOMBS, A SMALL QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVE POWDER AND IMITATION FIREARMS. THE COMMUNIST PRESS HAS REACTED BY CONDEMNING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR +FASCIST SUPPRESSION+, AND STATEMENTS ISSUED BY VARIOUS ANTI-PERSECUTION STRUGGLE COMMITTEES HAVE CALLED ON +PATRIOTIC+ STUDENTS AND WORKERS TO LAUNCH +PERSISTENT COUNTER-ATTACKS+ AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. ON 6TH DECEMBER LEADING COMMUNIST SCHOOLS STOPPED NORMAL LESSONS FOR THE DAY IN PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT +PERSECUTION+.
2. THE CLAIM BY THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS THAT HONG KONG AUTHORITIES GAVE WAY TO CHINESE DEMANDS IN THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS ON BORDER PROBLEMS IS PROBABLY PARTLY DESIGNED TO BOOST LOCAL COMMUNIST MORALE FOLLOWING THE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST COMMUNIST SCHOOLS. THERE HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN NO CRITICISM OF THE HONG KONG AUTHORITIES IN THE RIGHT WING OR NEUTRAL PRESS, IN WHICH THE BORDER AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN WELCOMED.
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FOR COMMONWEALTH AND CABINET OFFICE FOR J.I.C.

COMMENTARY ON THE SITUATION AS AT 7 DECEMBER 0600 HOURS FOLLOWS,

640 UP-DATING ASSESSMENT TELEGRAM No. 1817:-

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES TO RE-OPEN THE CHUNG WAH SCHOOL IN THE PREMISES OF OTHER COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED SCHOOLS ARE GOING AHEAD BUT ONLY TWO-THIRDS OF THE STUDENTS HAVE INDICATED CONTINUED SUPPORT. STATEMENTS IN THE COMMUNIST PRESS AND BY VARIOUS ANTI-PERSECUTION STRUGGLE COMMITTEES CONTINUE TO CONDEMN THE ACTION AGAINST THE CHUNG WAH SCHOOL AND ON 6 DECEMBER LEADING COMMUNIST SCHOOLS STOPPED NORMAL LESSONS FOR THE DAY IN PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT 'PERSECUTION'. HOWEVER, THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN VIOLENCE HAS NOT, SO FAR, MATERIALISED AND THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS ON 5 DECEMBER PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. ON 6 DECEMBER A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE 'KWANGTUNG PROVINCIAL SUPPORT FOR HONG KONG COMPATRIOTS COMMITTEE' DENOUNCING 'INTENSIFIED PERSECUTION' BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL STRUGGLE WAS GIVEN PROMINENCE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL COMMUNISTS TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE BUT, AS WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY THIS COMMITTEE, THERE IS NO INDICATION OF THE FORM THE PLEDGED SUPPORT WILL TAKE.

642 3. YOUR JICTEL 880. ALHTOUGH THERE WERE FEWER TRUE BOMBS THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BOMB REPORTS SO THAT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE OVERALL PICTURE. YOUR FIRST SENTENCE IS THEREFORE MISLEADING.

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Addressed to Commonwealth Office telegram No.1827 of 6 December.
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644 My telegram No. 1824.

Detailed investigation now reveals that at no time during the disposal of the two fake bombs was there any difficulty in keeping the area in the immediate vicinity of the bombs clear and no use was made of chemical mace. It is probably relevant that after the disposal a poster was put up outside the left wing Nanyang Theatre alleging that the police had deliberately pulled the bombs to the vicinity of the theatre, had in exploding them damaged a statue of Chairman Mao and sprayed employees in the theatre with poison gas. The whole of this therefore seems to be an attempt to fabricate an incident.

Sir D. Trench

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Very minor incident involving a staff member of the NCNA office occurred last night when the police were dealing with a suspected bomb in the vicinity of the NCNA premises. It appears that despite innumerable police warnings about danger to bystanders a member of the NCNA staff stayed watching the proceedings and was as a consequence sprayed with "chemical mace".

2. Last night Mr. Poon of the NCNA made an oral protest about the matter to the Assistant Political Adviser. This morning the Left Wing Press publishes a formal protest by the whole staff of the NCNA. This alleges that the police dragged the suspected bombs near the NCNA building before detonating them, that the spraying of the staff member was another deliberate mad provocation and that the Hong Kong Government had engaged in a whole series of attacks on the "patriotic" Press. It culminates in a demand for an apology, compensation and a guarantee that such incidents would not recur.

3. The point was made orally to the NCNA that people should not stand round watching the detonation of bombs when the police had asked them not to do so.

Sir D. Trench

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Following from LIC.

Main features:

(a) Greater selectivity of targets but fewer bombs (218 hoax and 36 genuine). There were two explosions at Kai Tak and an unexploded bomb was found later in a lift. Attacks on police continued.

(b) A police constable was stabbed to death and his revolver stolen. This was the third such incident in four months but there was no conclusive evidence of Communist involvement.

(c) Denunciation meetings in schools protesting against closure of Chung Wah School and police raids on four other schools.

(d) Further study group meetings in Communist Unions denouncing Government for devaluation, unemployment and suppressing schools. Payment of December 'strike' allowance was tightened up, only those active in Unions and still unemployed being eligible.

(e) Minor stoning incidents throughout the week at Sha Tau Kok and sporadically elsewhere have stopped work on removal of secondary and realignment of primary fences pending representations to the Chinese Border Authorities. Work between Man Kam To and Lowu had been completed without incident.

(f) Food began to arrive by road over the Man Kam To Bridge.

(g) Press attacks concentrated on the schools issue and devaluation. The border 'negotiations' have been hailed as a victory indicating full C.P.G. support for local Communists.

2. The claim that the border negotiations were a victory was probably designed to boost local morale after action against Communist schools. R.W. and neutral papers welcomed the agreement as forerunner to a return to normal. It remains to be seen whether defiance in Communist schools will continue; there is known to be some apprehension that parents will withdraw their children if it does. There is a possibility that Press calls for 'counter attack' and the annual exhibition of Hong Kong products starting on 5 December may result in a resurgence of violence during the next few days.

Foreign Office please pass Peking 649.

Sir [illegible] Trench

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1. BOMB INCIDENTS HAVE DECREASED . A COMMUNIST SCHOOL HAS BEEN CLOSED FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION THAT BOMBS WERE BEING MADE ON THE PREMISES. THE HEADMASTER, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ALL CIRCLES ANTI-PERSECUTION STRUGGLE COMMITTEE, HAS BEEN ARRESTED. FOUR OTHER COMMUNIST SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN SEARCHED, RESULTING IN THE DISCOVERY OF A NUMBER OF HOAX BOMBS, A SMALL QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVE POWDER AND IMITATION FIREARMS. THE COMMUNIST PRESS HAS REACTED BY CONDEMNING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR +FASCIST SUPPRESSION+, AND STATEMENTS ISSUED BY VARIOUS ANTI-PERSECUTION STRUGGLE COMMITTEES HAVE CALLED ON +PATRIOTIC+ STUDENTS AND WORKERS TO LAUNCH +PERSISTENT COUNTER-ATTACKS+ AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. THIS PROPAGANDA MAY LEAD TO SOME RESURGENCE OF VIOLENCE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, CO-INCIDING WITH THE OPENING OF THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS.

2. THE CLAIM BY THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS THAT HONG KONG AUTHORITIES GAVE WAY TO CHINESE DEMANDS IN THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS ON BORDER PROBLEMS IS PROBABLY PARTLY DESIGNED TO BOOST LOCAL COMMUNIST MORALE FOLLOWING THE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST COMMUNIST SCHOOLS. THERE HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN NO CRITICISM OF THE HONG KONG AUTHORITIES IN THE RIGHT WING OR NEUTRAL PRESS, IN WHICH THE BORDER AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN WELCOMED.

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From the Governor, Hong Kong

To the Secretary of State for the Colonies — No. 581

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30th November, 1967.

My Reference CR.45/3371/67 Your Reference

Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

My Saving Despatch No.1501 of 10th August refers.

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I enclose two copies of the report for the week ending 29th November, 1967.

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EMERGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT

WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 1967.

A. POLICE REPORT

		Week 22/29 Nov.	Week 16/22 Nov	Total since 11th May
1. CASUALTIES (bomb casualties in brackets)				
Police	killed	1	-	9 (2)
	injured	10	-	206 (74)
Military	killed	-	-	1)1)
	injured	-	1	26 (22)
Other uniformed Services	killed	-	-	1 (1)
	injured	2	-	6 (6)
Opposition	killed	-	-	25 (4)
	injured	10	2	331 (11)
Others	killed	-	1	14 (7)
	injured	1	-	251 (224)
TOTAL	killed	1	1	50 (15)
	injured	21	3	620 (338)

Killed 50
Injured 820

2. POLICE USE OF FIREARMS			
(a) Gas used	-	-	86
(b) Ball ammo used	1	1	62
(c) Casualties killed	-	-	17
injured	-	-	43
3. ARRESTS			
Total arrests	46	59	4316
Released (without charge)	22	8	1901
Acquitted	2	2	379
Convicted	51	24	1867
In Prison	935	936	1422
Remanded/Awaiting Trail	128	170	*
Pending	36	23	*
Died in Custody	-	-	5

* figure inapplicable

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	23/29th Nov	16/22 Nov	Total since 11th May
3. ARRESTS (cont)			
Detention orders under Emergency Regulations 31	-	-	3
Deportation Orders under Emergency (Deportation Detention) Regulations	5	-	27
Deported	5	-	5
Analysis of Convictions			
Riot	-	1	318
Unlawful Assembly	-	-	462
Breach of Curfew	-	-	232
Inflammatory Speeches	-	1	79
Inflammatory Posters	4	7	186
Intimidation	24	-	183
Possession of bombs; Real	5	2	29
Hoax	1	2	36
Explosive offences	1	*	30
Other Offences	15	3	311
4. DAMAGE			
(a) Property			
Government Buildings	3	1	148
Banks	-	-	24
Cinemas/Theatres	-	-	6
Other Buildings	-	-	41
Parking Meters	-	44	2580
(b) Vehicles			
Government (inc. Police)	-	-	23
Buses	-	-	38
Trams	-	-	7
Taxis	-	-	24
Public Cars	-	-	6
Other Vehicles	-	-	66

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	23/29th Nov	16/22nd Nov.	Total since 11th May
5. BOMBS			
Reports	355	307	7576
False Alarms/Hoaxes	311	288	6239
Explosions	13	2	245
Bombs detonated	31	17	1092
Bombs found by Policesearch	-	1	122
Explosives recovered (sticks) Gelignite	16	-	164
Dynamite	-	-	562
6. POLICE RAIDS			
Opposed	1	-	9
Unopposed	43	72	1116
7. CURFEWS			
Hong Kong Island	-	-	3
Kowloon	-	-	5
New Territories	-	-	1
8. ATTACKS ON TRANSPORT AND OTHER WORKERS			
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C. TRANSPORT REPORT

	Buses 27/11	Passengers 21/27 Nov	Buses 22 Nov.	Passengers daily average 14/20th Nov	Passengers pre-disturbance daily average	Percentage of pre-disturbance total
Kowloon Motor Bus Co.	457	1,364,466	442	1,341,100	1,868,369	73%
China Motor Bus Co.	304	459,652	299	457,839	569,488	80.7%
Hong Kong Tramways	156 + 22	414,527	156 + 22	408,094	479,544	86.4%

	21/27 Nov	Week ending 20th Nov	1966	% of last year
K.C.R. wagons	706	649	705	100%
River Boats	180	254	345	50%

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D. STAFF POSITION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND UTILITY COMPANIES
27th NOVEMBER, 1967

	Strength prior to disturbance	No. dismissed after strike	Number Reinstated	New Employees	Present Strength	Percentage of of pre-disturbance total
Star Ferry	590	590	389	69	456	77%
Hong Kong & Yaumati Ferry	1,885	115	10	78	1,829	97%
China Motor Bus Co.	2,360	1,273	80	643	1,723	73%
Kowloon Motor Bus Co.	7,194	4,907	797	1,477	4,420	61%
Hong Kong Electric Co.	978	148	12	82	878	90% *
China Light & Power	2,745	709	52	483	2,571	94% *
Hong Kong & China Gas	548	334	170	66	408	74% *
Hong Kong Tramways	1,713	679	2	772	1,492	87% *

* These firms are now virtually up to strength as reorganised

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IMMEDIATE HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (D.T.D.)

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ADDRESSED TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE TELEGRAM NO. 1817 OF 4 DECEMBER. REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO POLAD SINGAPORE, WASHINGTON AND CANBERRA.

FOR COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND CABINET OFFICE FOR JIC. FOLLOWING FROM LIC.

WEEKLY ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AS AT 4TH DECEMBER 0600 HOURS FOLLOWS IN TWO PARTS (PART ONE ONLY FOR CANBERRA).

PART I.

A) A DECREASE IN THE USE OF GENUINE BOMBS WITH EVIDENCE OF GREATER SELECTIVITY IN THE CHOICE OF TARGETS. 218 HOAX AND 36 GENUINE BOMBS WERE REPORTED OF WHICH 6 EXPLODED. TWO EXPLOSIONS IN THE PUBLIC AREA OF KAI TAK AIRPORT CAUSED DAMAGE BUT NO INJURY, BOMBS WERE THROWN AT A POLICE STATION INJURING TWO CIVILIANS AND AT A POLICE PATROL, AN INCENDIARY DEVICE SENT THROUGH THE POST TO A RIGHT WING NEWSPAPER FAILED TO EXPLODE. A STUDENT ON THE PREMISES OF THE COMMUNIST CONTROLLED CHUNG WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS SERIOUSLY HURT WHEN EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL HE WAS PREPARING BLEW UP.

B) A POLICE CONSTABLE ON BEAT DUTY WAS ATTACKED AND STABBED TO DEATH ON 28TH NOVEMBER BY THREE MEN WHO STOLE HIS SERVICE REVOLVER AND AMMUNITION.

C) DEFIANT AND INFLAMMATORY ''DENUNCIATION MEETINGS'' ATTENDED BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS AT A NUMBER OF COMMUNIST CONTROLLED SCHOOLS TO PROTEST AGAINST THE CLOSURE OF THE CHUNG WAH SCHOOL, AND THE SEARCHES OF FOUR OTHER SCHOOLS BY POLICE (TELEGRAMS 1779 AND 1785 REFER). CLASSES WERE SUSPENDED AT SEVERAL OF THE SCHOOLS FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY SENIOR STAFF OF THE CHUNG WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL TO RE-OPEN CLASSES IN THE PREMISES OF OTHER COMMUNIST SCHOOLS. AT A NUMBER OF

MEETINGS, STRESS WAS LAID ON THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN CONTACT BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS ARE NOT WITHDRAWN FROM COMMUNIST SCHOOLS.

D) FURTHER ''STUDY GROUP'' MEETINGS AT A NUMBER OF COMMUNIST UNIONS DURING WHICH GOVERNMENT WAS DENOUNCED FOR CAUSING UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPRESSING ''PATRIOTIC'' SCHOOLS AND DEVALUING THE LOCAL CURRENCY. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR THE PAYMENT OF DECEMBER ''STRIKE'' ALLOWANCE, BUT AT A NUMBER OF UNIONS THESE PAYMENTS WERE SUSPENDED IN THE CASE OF MANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE TAKEN ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT AND/OR WHO HAVE FAILED TO ATTEND ''STUDY GROUP'' MEETINGS.

E) FURTHER MINOR INCIDENTS IN THE BORDER AREA. STONES WERE THROWN AND CATAPULTED DAILY BY YOUTHS FROM CHINESE TERRITORY AT THE MILITARY POST AT SHA TAU KOK, BRITISH TERRITORY BEGINNING ON 26TH NOVEMBER WHEN BRITISH TROOPS FOR THE FIRST TIME TOOK OVER DUTIES ON THE FRONTIER. A PARTY SURVEYING THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY FENCES WAS ALSO STONED. IN ALL TWO SOLDIERS WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED. WORK HAS BEEN SUSPENDED ON THE REMOVAL OF THE SECONDARY AND THE REPAIR OF THE PRIMARY FENCES PENDING REPRESENTATIONS TO THE CHINESE BORDER AUTHORITIES. IN THE MAN KAM TO AND LO WU AREAS THIS WORK HAD EARLIER BEEN CARRIED OUT WITHOUT INCIDENT.

F) THE CONTINUED SUPPLY OF FOOD AND OTHER PRODUCE FROM CHINA BY RAIL AND SEA. QUANTITIES OF LIVESTOCK AND MARKET PRODUCE HAVE ENTERED THE COLONY BY ROAD SINCE THE RE-OPENING OF THE MAN KAM TO BRIDGE ON 26TH NOVEMBER.

G) CONTINUED ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA IN THE COMMUNIST PRESS. THE MAIN THEME HAS BEEN CONDEMNATION OF GOVERNMENT'S 'FASCIST SUPPRESSION' OF PATRIOTIC SCHOOLS IN GENERAL AND THE CLOSURE OF THE CHUNG WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL IN PARTICULAR. STATEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT ISSUED BY VARIOUS ANTI PERSECUTION STRUGGLE COMMITTEES CALLED ON 'PATRIOTIC' STUDENTS AND WORKERS TO LAUNCH 'PERSISTENT COUNTER-ATTACKS' AGAINST GOVERNMENT. DEVALUATION HAS CONTINUED TO BE ATTACKED, AND SINCE 29TH NOVEMBER EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ALSO ON THE BORDER NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN HAILED AS A 'VICTORY', AND AN INDICATION OF FULL SUPPORT FROM THE CPG FOR THE LOCAL 'STRUGGLE'.

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2. POLICE ACTION CONTINUED AGAINST COMMUNIST TARGETS MAINLY CONNECTED WITH BOMB ACTIVITY. A BOMB MAKING CENTRE IN THE CHUNG WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS NEUTRALISED FOLLOWING AN EXPLOSION ON THE PREMISES AND THE BUILDING WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CLOSED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION. FOUR OTHER COMMUNIST SCHOOL PREMISES WERE VISITED BY POLICE WHO MADE A NUMBER OF ARRESTS. ON 2ND DECEMBER THE HEADMASTER OF THE CHUNG WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ALL CIRCLES A P S C, WAS ARRESTED AND DETAINED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEPORTATION OF ALIENS ORDINANCE.

3. THE ATTACK ON THE POLICE OFFICER AND THEFT OF HIS REVOLVER IS THE THIRD IN FOUR MONTHS BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THESE ARE COMMUNIST OR MERELY CRIMINALLY INSPIRED.

4. THE CLAIM BY THE COMMUNIST PRESS THAT THE HONG KONG AUTHORITIES HAVE BOWED TO CHINESE DEMANDS ON BORDER PROBLEMS IS PROBABLY DESIGNED TO BOOST LOCAL MORALE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT ACTION AGAINST COMMUNIST SCHOOLS. WHILST SOME OF THE PROPAGANDA IMPACT HAS BEEN LOST BY THE DELAY IN PUBLICATION, IT MAY WELL ENCOURAGE LOCAL COMMUNISTS TO BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT WILL EVENTUALLY ACCEDE TO THEIR DEMANDS. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO CRITICISM IN EITHER THE RIGHT WING OR NEUTRAL PRESS WHERE THE AGREEMENTS HAS GENERALLY BEEN WELCOMED AS FORESHADOWING A RETURN TO NORMAL. EARLY CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO THE DEREGISTRATION OF THE CHUNG WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER, FOLLOWING THIS AND THE ARREST OF THE HEADMASTER, ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE OPENLY TO DEFY GOVERNMENT BY RE-OPENING THE SCHOOL IN OTHER PREMISES. CERTAINLY THERE IS SOME APPREHENSION IN LOCAL COMMUNIST EDUCATION

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CIRCLES CONCERNING THE REACTION OF PARENTS AND THE POSSIBILITY 'THAT AT LEAST SOME STUDENTS MAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE SCHOOLS. HOWEVER, CALLS FOR 'COUNTER-ATTACKS' PUBLISHED IN THE COMMUNIST PRESS AND THE OPENING OF THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS SCHEDULED FOR 5TH DECEMBER MAY RESULT IN SOME RESURGENCE OF VIOLENCE DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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PRIORITY COMMONWEALTH OFFICE TO HONG KONG (D.T.D.)

TELNO. 2455 1 DECEMBER 1967 (HWB)

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MINISTER OF STATE HAS NOTED IN L.I.C. ASSESSMENTS TREND TOWARDS BOMB ATTACKS ON SELECTED TARGETS, PARTICULARLY POLICE, AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THIS HAS HAD ANY EFFECT ON POLICE MORALE. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR SHORT APPRECIATION, COVERING ALSO EFFECT OF WORKING LONG ADDITIONAL HOURS OVER PROLONGED PERIOD.

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Minister of State has noted in L.I.C. assessments trend towards bomb attacks on selected targets, particularly police, and would like to know whether this has had any effect on police morale. We would be grateful for short appreciation, covering also effect of working long additional hours over prolonged period.

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HONG KONG TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (D.T.D.)

Telno 1784 29 November, 1967

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Draft weekly assessment as at 270600 November for Peking.

1. Main features.

(a) There were 180 'hoax' and 58 genuine bombs of which six exploded. The police remain the main target. A few small street demonstrations.

(b) Border area remained calm except for minor incidents including bomb thrown from CT in Shataukok.

(c) Communist Press attacked both devaluation and revaluation as robbing the poor. A judgement in a libel action by a Government servant against the Wen Wei Pao and the suspension of the Communist magazine 'Youth Garden Weekly' was also condemned. There has been no mention of Inspector Knight's escape or negotiations on the border.

2. The campaign to boost morale in Unions has achieved some success. Strike pay is now only paid to those still unemployed who also attend Union meetings. Activity in schools is increasing and morale is high there. The academic curriculum and examinations have virtually been abandoned in favour of political indoctrination.

3. Reports indicate lower attendance at the Canton Fair and some business severely affected by devaluation and revaluation of H.K. dollar. Contracts signed have been cancelled by CPG but others have had clauses added to agree payment at prevailing rates on delivery.

4. Explosion in Chung Wah School (Communist) and injury to bomb-making student on 27 November led to police raid followed by closure until August/68. Four other Communist schools inspected on 28 November to detect bomb making resulting in discovery of hoax bombs, small quantity of explosives, and 11 arrests. 107 unruly students and staff detained for enquiries from one school, 93 were released later. Local Communists line is to condemn action as persecution of patriotic education.

5. Bomb incidents at a relatively low level are expected to continue. The annual exhibition of H.K. products in early December may provide excuse for an upsurge. Communist policy appears now to be directed at consolidating support in Unions and in schools.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 278 of 29 November.
Repeated for information to Hong Kong.

Your telegram No.1012.

The weekly assessment is useful and I should like to have it by telegram in future.

2. There seems some danger of duplication of telegrams, some from you, others from Hong Kong on same subject. For example we have had news of the border agreement in 2 almost identical telegrams. Hong Kong telegram No.1765 to Commonwealth Office was repeated to us by you as telegram No.1022. Your telegram number to us 1026 covered same ground.

Foreign Office pass Hong Kong as 127.

Mr. Hopson

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REFERENCE YOUR TEL 1745 TO C.O. THERE IS NO OBJECTION HERE TO YOUR PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE THE DESPATCH OF A SITREP AT THE END OF EACH WEEK AND TO SEND A BRIEF UPDATING COMMENTARY AS AN ALTERNATIVE. B
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282345 Attention Glover. The police carried out searches on four Communist schools on both sides of harbour tonight, Tuesday. The schools searched were Fukian Middle School and Hon Wah Middle School on Hong Kong Island and Mong Kok Workers' Childrens' School and Heung To Middle School in Kowloon. At Fukien Middle School, an object made to resemble a bomb and with a warning notice on it was found. It has not (not) been determined whether it is genuine or hoax. Two persons, a 27-year old man and an 18-year old girl were detained by police for enquiries; at Mong Kok Workers' Childrens' School an ammunition expert detonated a suspicious object. Altogether one hundred and eight people including several teachers were being questioned by police late tonight. No reports of bombs had been received from other two schools. A police spokesman said that the searches were carried out because it was believed that bombs such as those which had killed or injured innocent people including school children were being made or stored in those places. It was the responsibility of Government to act upon such information when alternative was to risk further wanton violence. The spokesman continued "this action also follows explosion of a bomb which injured a boy at the Chung Wah Middle School last Monday night".

Ends.

Informs.

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Addressed to Commonwealth Office telegram No.1771 of 27 November,
Repeated for information to Singapore, Washington and Canberra.

For Commonwealth Office and Cabinet Office for J.I.C.

Following for LIC.

Weekly assessment of situation as at 27 November 0600 hours.

The principal features of the Communist confrontation during the period have been:-

(a) The continuation of bomb incidents, with the police force as the main target. 180 'hoax' and 58 genuine bombs were reported of which 6 exploded. Bombs were thrown at two police vehicles, into a police compound, at police on road block duty and into an office of the Hawker Control Force.

(b) Further minor, short lived demonstrations, both in the streets and at magistrates courts.

(c) Minor incidents at Sha Tau Kok were the only occasions on which the continued comparative calm of the border area was broken. On 22 November a small bomb was thrown from Chinese territory (C.T.) and exploded near police post.

(d) Continued anti-British propaganda in the Communist Press. Government was denounced for 'robbing the poor' by devaluing the Hong Kong dollar, and when the dollar was subsequently revalued, 'for making a profit from the poor who had invested in gold as a result of devaluation'. The suspension of the Communist publication 'Youth Garden Weekly' (paragraph 2 refers) has been condemned and a judgement against the Wen Wei Pao in a libel suit brought by a Government servant has led to warnings to Government 'not to touch' this leading Communist newspaper. No comment has appeared, so far, concerning the return to Hong Kong of senior Inspector Knight, and two police constables or the opening of the Man Kam To bridge (paragraph 3 refers).

2. Police action continued against Communist targets mainly connected with bomb activity. A number of persons were arrested for possession of genuine and 'hoax' bombs and bomb-making materials. On 22 November, the proprietor of a Communist magazine 'Youth Garden Weekly' failed to appear at court to answer charges of sedition and related offences. A warrant has been issued for his arrest and a court order made, suspending further publication of this periodical.

/3. On 20 November

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3. On 20 November, senior Inspector Knight, who was abducted into C.T., at Man Kam To on 14 October, successfully escaped to Hong Kong (telegram No.1746 refers). As a result of negotiations at Shumchun between representatives of the new territories administration and Chinese border officials, which have been going on for some time, on 26 November two police constables, who accidentally entered China on 29 September 1967 were exchanged for five civilians from C.T., who had been arrested in the border area, and the Man Kam To bridge, closed since 15 October was opened. The two constables brought with them their motorcycle, the personal effects of senior Inspector Knight and a sterling gun and ammunition stolen from security forces by Lo Fong villagers during August 1967 (telegram No.1769 refers). Details of the understandings reached after ten meetings are in my telegram No.1767.

4. The Communist campaign to boost morale and consolidate support within Communist labour circles continued during the week. At several meetings talks have been given by recently discharged prisoners who claim that there is nothing to fear from imprisonment. Arrangements are being made for the payment of December strike pay although, as with the last payment, strikers who have accepted alternative employment may no longer be paid this allowance. At some Unions attendance at study group meetings will be made a condition for payment. Further disbursements have been made from 'dollar campaign' funds to unemployed members of some Communist Unions who are not strikers. Attendance at Union meetings is increasing and there appears to be an improvement in the morale of rank and file members.

5. There is further evidence of increased activity in Communist controlled schools. At an assembly of teachers and students at one major school Government 'oppression' was denounced. Subsequently all lessons were cancelled for the day and students were instructed to write anti-Government essays which were later displayed on the school notice boards. At another school the works of Mao and CPG publication have been adopted as text books during Chinese literature classes. Formal mid-term academic examinations have been cancelled in a number of schools in compliance with Mao's recent directives for educational reform in China. Students are also being encouraged to invite members of non-Communist schools to participate in extra curricular political activities.

6. Reports from Hong Kong merchants returning from the Canton mid-Autumn Trade Commodities Fair indicate that business there was severely affected by the devaluation of the Hong Kong dollar. A number of contracts for the purchase of Chinese goods provisionally negotiated prior to devaluation were cancelled by CPG representatives. Following the revaluation of the Hong Kong dollar some CPG agencies continued to "devaluation exchange rates while others added a clause to contracts making provision for payment at the J.M.P./Hong Kong dollar rate prevailing at the time the goods are delivered. Reports indicate, so far, that attendance at the fair is lower than last year and that many merchants have cut short their visit due to uncertainty over exchange rates.

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7. There is little doubt that the partial revaluation of the Hong Kong dollar caught the local Communist propaganda machine off-balance at a time when it was in the middle of mounting a major offensive against Government for devaluation. There is some scope for attacks on Government as some rise in the cost of living, albeit on a smaller scale, is inevitable but the absence of any official CPG announcement concerning a revised rate of exchange has not helped the Communists. The absence of comment, so far, in the Communist Press on the exchange of the 2 police constables for the 5 prisoners from C.T. and the opening of Man Kam To bridge is somewhat strange. It is possible, of course, that a major propaganda campaign, which will interpret the events as a defeat for the Hong Kong authorities may be launched immediately the initial agreement affecting the exchange has been complied with; on the other hand the Communists may be waiting to assess local reaction to the matter before committing themselves.

8. Whilst overt signs of confrontation in the form of bomb incidents and street demonstrations can be expected to continue in a relatively low key in the immediate future, the opening of the annual exhibition of Hong Kong products in early December could provide the pretext for another upsurge in violent activity. At present the Communists are consolidating their support, particularly in the labour and educational sphere, where political activities continue at a high level. Despite the attempts by some unions to limit the number of persons in receipt of strike pay, indicating perhaps that funds are becoming depleted, increased attendances at meetings and improvement in morale suggests that their 'consolidation and expansion campaign' is achieving some success, at least in these fields.

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Sir D.Trench.

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Date 23rd November, 1967.

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Weekly Emergency Statistical Report

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My Saving Despatch No. 1501 of 10th August refers.

I enclose two copies of the report for the week ending 22nd November, 1967.

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EMERGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT

WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1967

A. POLICE REPORT

		Week 16/22 Nov.	Week 9/15 Nov.	Total since 11th May
1. CASUALTIES				
Police	Killed	-	-	8
	Injured	-	18	196
Military	Killed	-	-	1
	Injured	1	-	26
Other uniformed Services	killed	-	-	1
	injured	-	-	4
Opposition	killed	-	1	25
	injured	2	3	321
Others	killed	1	2	14
	injured	-	1	250
Burials by Government of unclaimed bodies		-	-	23
Other Burials		1	3	16
Bodies still unclaimed		-	-	*
2. POLICE USE OF FIREARMS				
(a) Gas used		-	2	86
(b) Ball ammo used		1	3	61
(c) Casualties	killed	-	1	17
	injured	-	1	43
3. ARRESTS				
Total arrests		59	19	4270
Released (without charge)		8	4	1879
Acquitted		2	1	377
Convicted		24	11	1816
In prison		936	975	1389
Remanded/Awaiting Trial		170	160	*
Pending		23	8	*
Died in Custody		-	-	5

* figure inapplicable

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	16/22 Nov.	9/15 Nov.	Total since May
3. ARRESTS (cont)			
Dentention orders under Emergancy Regulations 31	-	-	3
Deportation Orders under Emergancy (Deportation Dentention) Regulations	-	-	22
Deported	-	-	-
Analysis of Convictions			
Riot	1	-	318
Unlawful Assembly	-	-	462
Breach of Curfew	-	-	232
Inflamatory Speeches	1	-	79
Inflamatory Posters	7	5	182
Intimidation	-	-	159
Possession of bombs:			
real	2	-	24
Hoax	2	4	35
Explosive offences	*	*	29
Other Offences	3	2	296
4. DAMAGE			
(a) Property			
Government Buildings	1	-	45
Banks	-	-	24
Cinemas/Theatres	-	-	6
Other Buildings	-	-	41
Parking Meters	44	87	2600
(b) Vehicles			
Government (incl. Police)	-	-	23
Buses	-	-	38
Trams	-	-	7
Taxis	-	-	24
Public Cars	-	-	6
Other Vehicles	-	1	66

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	16/22 Nov.	9/15 Nov.	Total since May
5. BOMBS			
Reports	307	534	7221
False Alarms/Hoaxes	228	476	5928
Explosions	2	10	232
Bombs detonated	17	24	1061
Bombs found by Police search	1	7	122
Explosives recovered (sticks) Gelignite	-	-	148
Dynamite	-	-	562
Casualties/Plice/Public Killed	1	2	11
Injured	-	49	319
Suspected terrorists: Killed	-	1	6
Injured	-	2	16
6. POLICE RAIDS			
Opposed	-	-	8
Unopposed	72	109	1073
7. CURFEWS			
Hong Kong Island	-	-	3
Kowloon	-	-	5
New Territories	-	-	1
8. ATTACKS ON TRANSPORT AND OTHER WORKERS			
	-	-	64

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B. FOOD REPORT

	16/22 Nov.	9/15 Nov.	%of last year	Average Retail Price $ Catty	Normal Price
SWINE (nos)					
Local	2,468	4,582		3.40	3.20
China	33,969	33,622	90%		
Overseas	-	150			
	34,437	38,354			
CATTLE (nos)					
Local	18	11		4.40	3.80
China	3,137	3,313	100%		
Overseas	968	943			
	4,123	4,267			
VEGETABLES (Piculs)					
Local	40,293	43,024		.55	.45
China	70,282	52,283	92%		
Overseas	8,100	8,800			
	118,675	104,107			
FISH (Piculs)					
Local	24,559	17,614		2.40	1.60
China	301	155	128%		
	24,860	17,769			
RICE (tons)					
China Imports	1,800	1,724	130%	.80	.80
Other Imports	700	3,036			
Offtake	6,400	5,360			
	95,700	98,700			

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For CDS, Chairman COSAUST, CDS NZ. Sitrep 27 Nov 67.

1. Hong Kong
   A. Border.
      (1) Agreement in the border talks was reached on 25 Nov. Yesterday the two Hong Kong policemen who inadvertently rode across the Man Kam To bridge on a motor cycle on 29 Sep (SEACOS 152 para 1D refers) were returned to Hong Kong in exchange for 5 mainland Chinese. Also returned was the Sterling SMG one magazine and two rounds of ammunition snatched by Chinese farmers near Ta Kau Ling on 11 Aug, and Senior Inspector Knight's belongings. The Man Kam To bridge was reopened.
      (2) There have been four minor incidents along the border during the week. Three were at Sha Tau Kok involving grenade and stone throwing and the firing of two shots from across the border, one of which landed at the feet of a Gurkha sentry. At Ta Kau Ling there was a demonstration on Saturday by about 25 CT civilians, obviously for propaganda purposes.
   B. Bomb incidents. Planting of live bombs averaged about 4 a day during the week with a surge to 13 on Saturday when one bomb was thrown at a sentry box outside 18 LT Regt RA at Sek Kong but which caused no casualties.

2. West Malaysia. Penang.
   A. On Friday evening a curfew was imposed after demonstrations against devaluation ended in communal rioting in which 7 people were killed and 42 seriously injured. One S/Sgt was injured when his car was stopped near Minden Barracks and he was assaulted by a mob. No other damage to British or Australian service personnel or property has been reported. The curfew was raised for 2 hours this morning and it is intended to raise it again for a two and a half hour period this afternoon.
   B. Families are confined to quarters and the British Army School is remaining closed today. Sentries have been discreetly mounted in married quarter areas. RAAF Butterworth have been reinforced by two Belvedere helicopters which will be used to support Western Hill radar station and also to bring in a company from the Gurkha

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Training Depot (Sungei Patani) if necessary for protection duties. RAAF Butterworth also delivering bread and bulk rations to include families today.

3. Deployments.
   A. Navy. HMNZS TARANAKI left station 24 Nov on return to New Zealand.
   B. Air.
      (1) 4 Javelins returned Tengah from Hong Kong 24 Nov.
      (2) 2 FEAF Hercules deployed to RAF Muharraq 26 Nov.
      (3) A sixth Vulcan arrived Tengah 22 Nov via Westabout route and 4 left Tengah for Darwin on 22 Nov to take part in Exercise HIGH MARS.

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Addressed Peking telegram No. 631 of 25 November

Your telegram No. 115 to Hong Kong and No. 257 to Foreign Office.

On 1 November, students from Heung To School gathered in a major road in Kowloon and chanted slogans and sang songs. After a police inspector was assaulted police reinforcements arrived and the whole group of fifty two students and one teacher was arrested and charged with taking part in an intimidating assembly. The teacher has been sentenced to two years imprisonment and a fine of 1,000 HK dollars or 3 months in lieu. The students have been tried and convicted but remanded until 6 December for a Probation Officer's report.

2. Early on 15 November a man and a woman, both prominent in Communist film circles and members of the Standing Group of the A.C.A.P.S.C. were arrested on deportation orders.

3. During the evening of 19 November a group of about 100 students and workers gathered briefly in a minor road in Kowloon. They dispersed before the police arrived leaving behind inflammatory banners and leaflets. There were no arrests. This presumably is the demonstration to which the Peoples Daily refers.

4. The full NCNA release also refers to a police raid on a Film Union premises on 19 November. There were no arrests but students from the nearby Cheung Yeh Institute were found there. On 19 November police attempting to remove inflammatory posters from outside the same Union premises were involved in a melee with people who rushed out to prevent them. Twelve people were arrested but as far as is known none were students. The Cheung Yeh Institute itself has not been raided.

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Sir D. Trench

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Attention Glover.

Two people were arrested by a party of detectives in Wing Lok Street at its junction with Des Voeux Road Central just after half past one this afternoon when a crowd of about three hundred people gathered in area.

Demonstrators who were carrying banners with inflammatory slogans attacked the detectives before dispersing.

During incident a detective police constable was shot in the thigh. He was admitted to hospital and was operated on.

The shot, which came from a revolver was the only one that was fired during incident. However police do not believe it was fired by someone in crowd.

Just before this there was an explosion in compound of Central Police Station. Explosion was caused by one of two bombs which were thrown into compound from Old Bailey Street. Other did not explode. Another bomb was found in Old Bailey Street on other side of compound wall. No (repeat no) one was injured.

At about same time two bombs were found on pedestrian crossing in Pedder Street at its junction with Queen's Road Central. They were detonated by Army ammunition experts. There were no (repeat no) casualties. It is now learned that the condition of the injured detective police constable is satisfactory.

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Addressed to Commonwealth Office telegram No. 1745 of 23 November
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For Commonwealth Office and Cabinet Office for JIC from LIC.

It is proposed no longer to send a detailed situation report at the end of each week in addition to our weekly summary issued on Mondays. If you see no objection we now plan to send each Thursday morning a brief up-dating commentary on the latter outlining any trends which have developed or become clearer. This will fit in with JIC (FE)'s meeting schedule and should be available for Chairman CIG (Far East) before the JIC (London) meets.

2. The major development this week has been devaluation and the partial revaluation. At this stage it is felt that no worthwhile comment can be made. The first of the up-dating commentaries will therefore be next week.

Sir D. Trench

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